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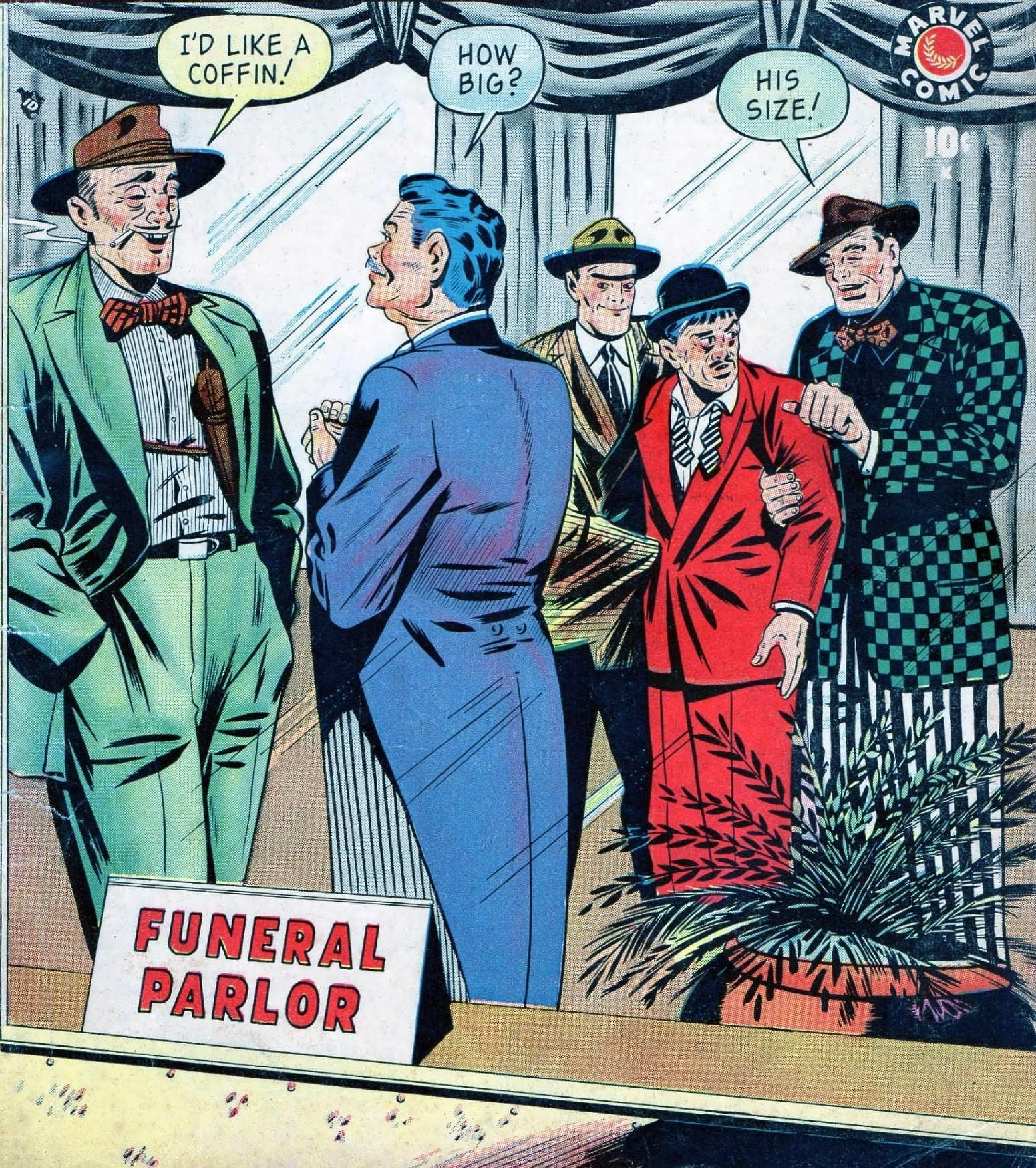
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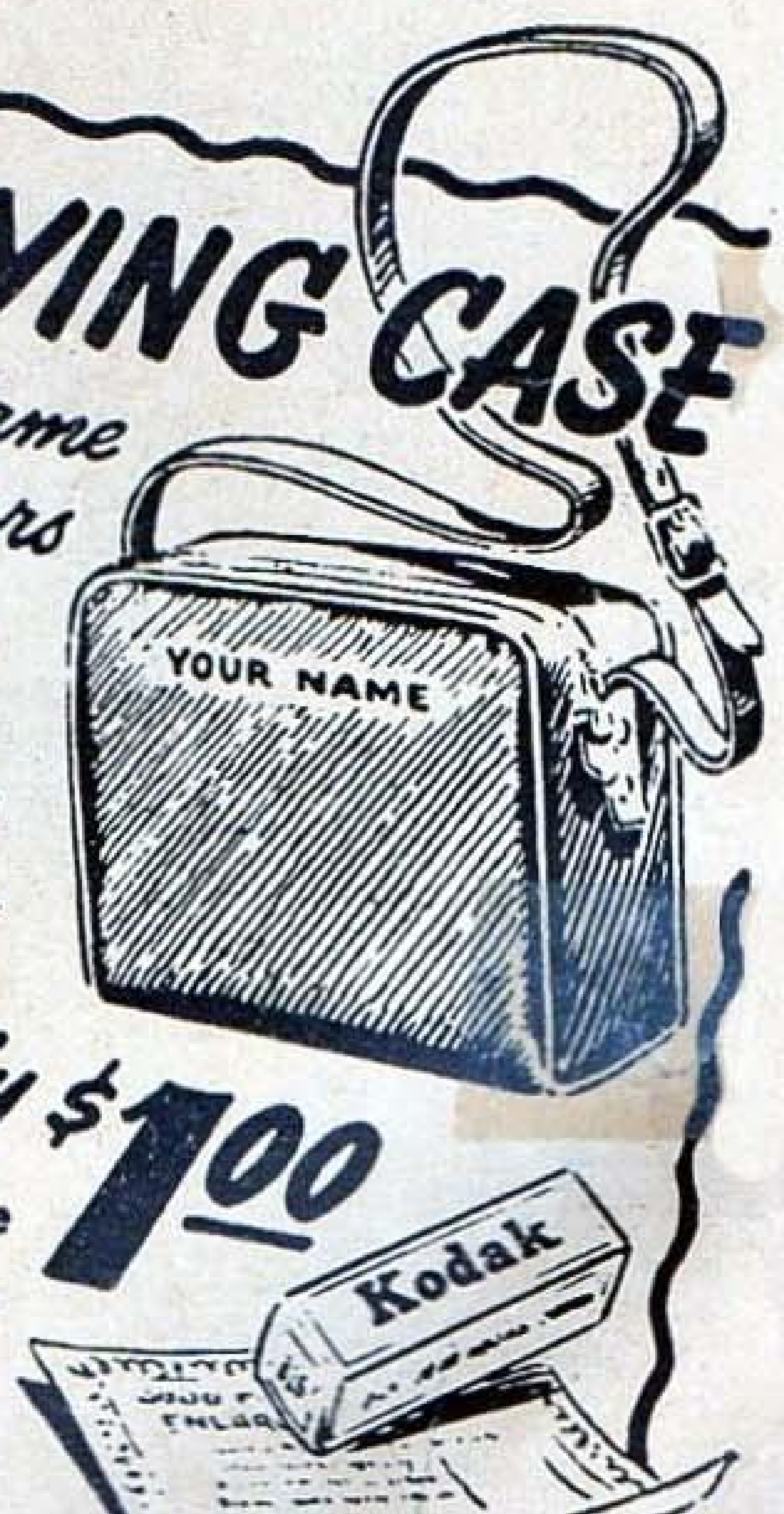

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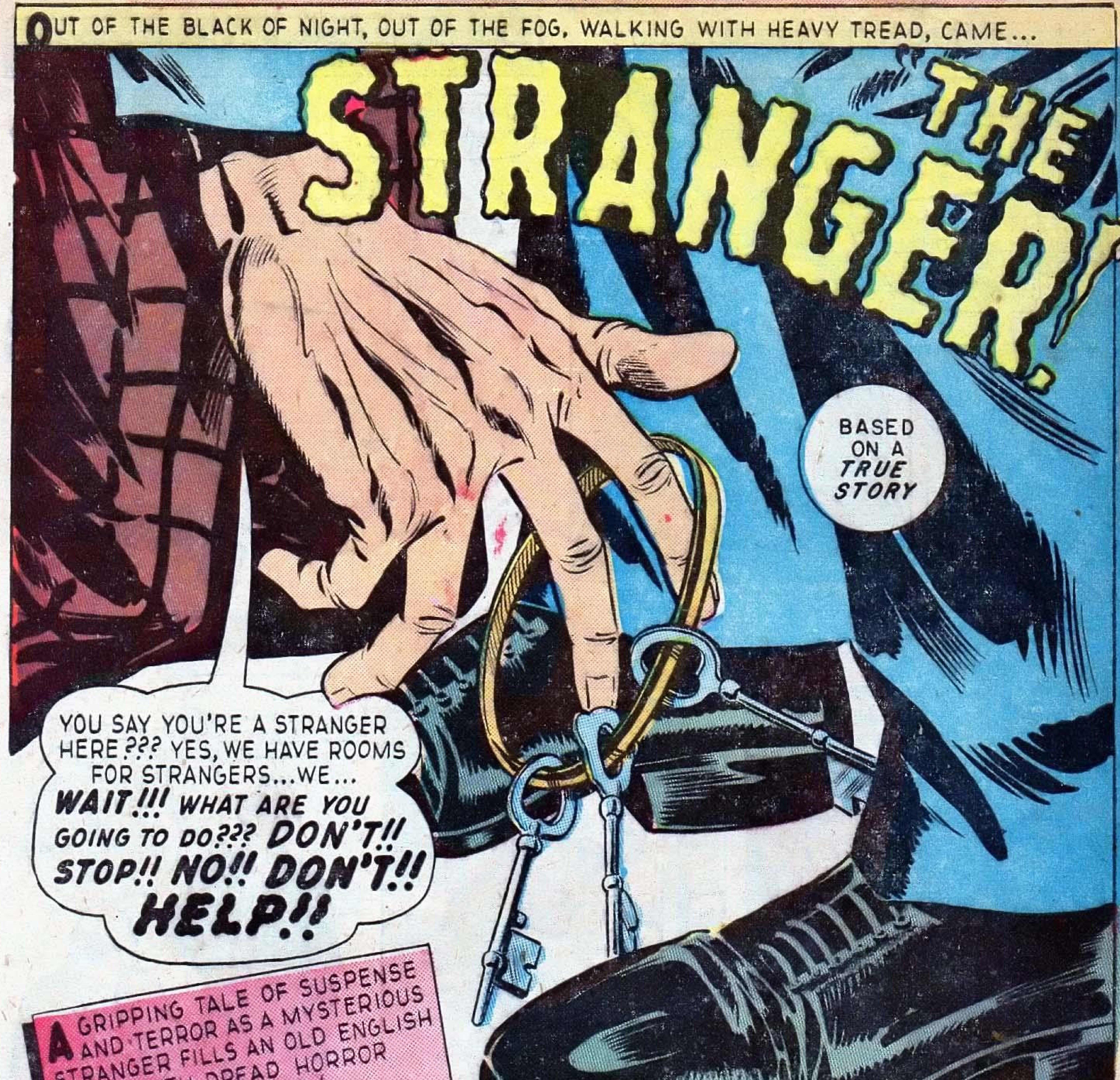
"THE STRANGER!"


OUT OF THE BLACK OF NIGHT, OUT OF THE FOG, WALKING WITH HEAVY TREAD, CAME...
"THE STRANGER!"
BASED ON A TRUE STORY
YOU SAY YOU'RE A STRANGER HERE??? YES, WE HAVE ROOMS FOR STRANGERS...WE... WAIT!!! WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO??? DON'T!! STOP!! NO!! DON'T!! HELP!!
A GRIPPING TALE OF SUSPENSE AND TERROR AS A MYSTERIOUS STRANGER FILLS AN OLD ENGLISH INN WITH DREAD HORROR AND FEAR!
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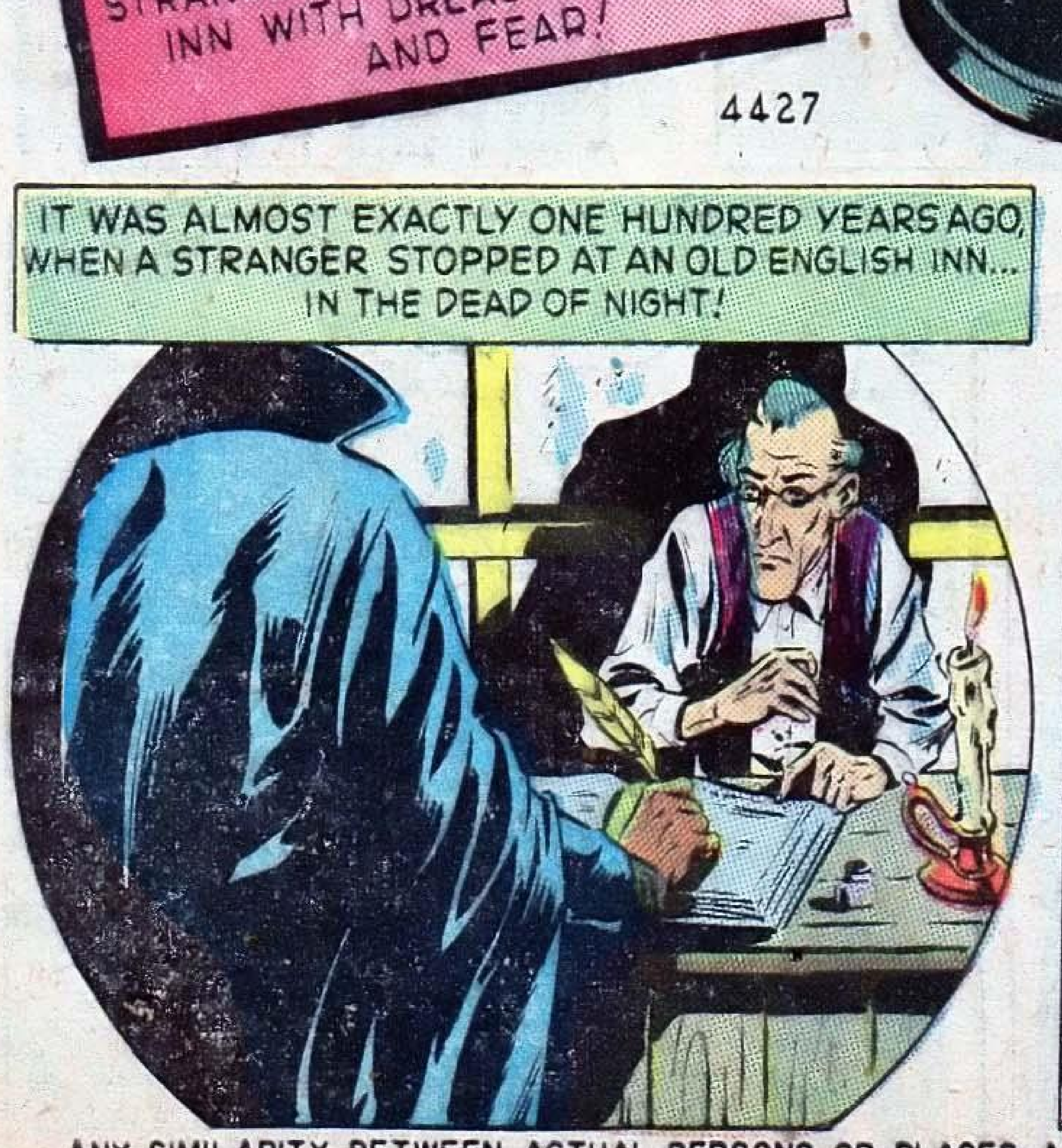
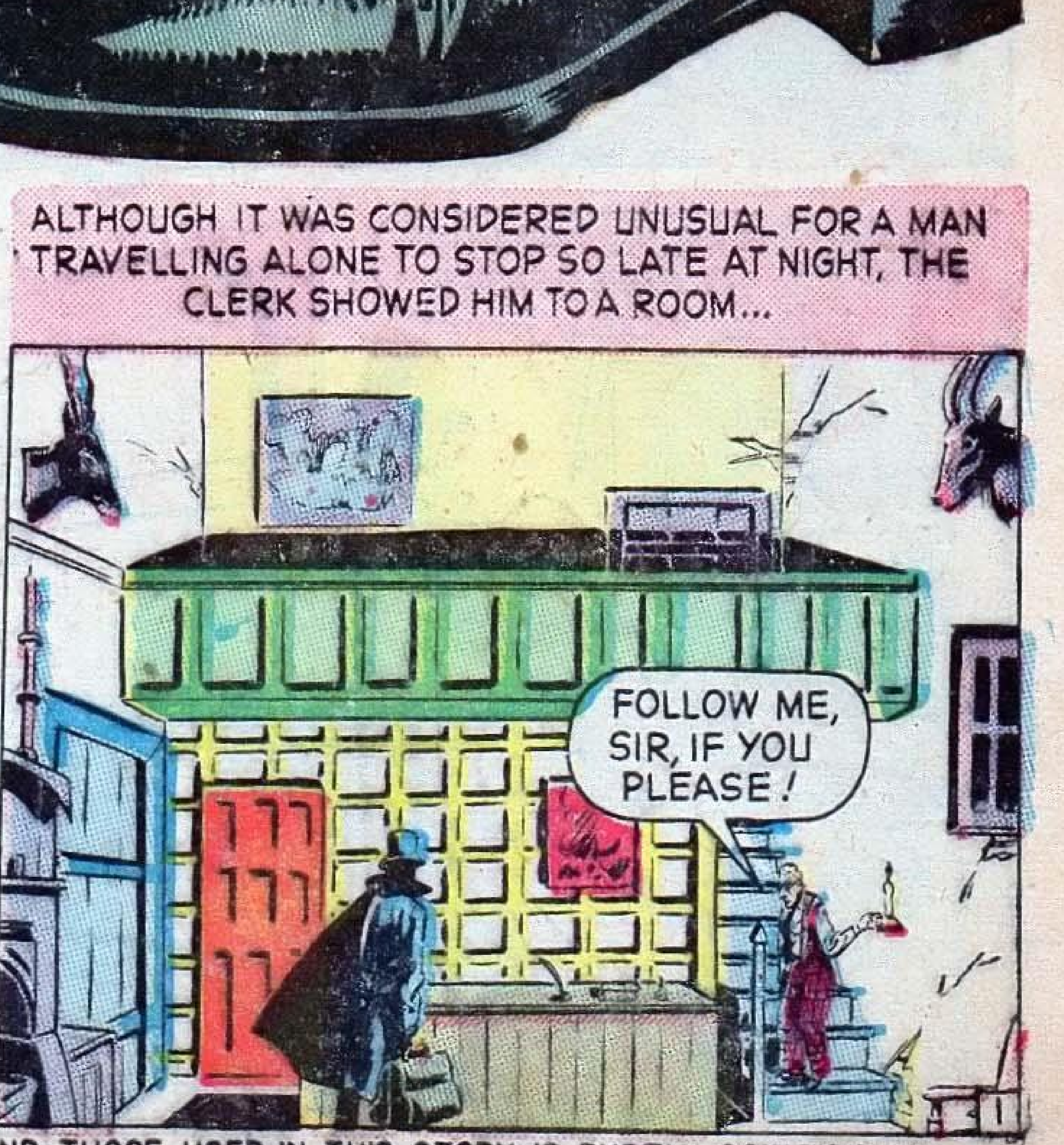

IT WAS ALMOST EXACTLY ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO, WHEN A STRANGER STOPPED AT AN OLD ENGLISH INN... IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT!


ALTHOUGH IT WAS CONSIDERED UNUSUAL FOR A MAN TRAVELLING ALONE TO STOP SO LATE AT NIGHT, THE CLERK SHOWED HIM TO A ROOM...
FOLLOW ME, SIR, IF YOU PLEASE!

ANY SIMILARITY BETWEEN ACTUAL PERSONS OR PLACES AND THOSE USED IN THIS STORY IS PURELY COINCIDENTAL

THE STRANGER REMAINED COMPLETELY SILENT UNTIL THE CLERK LEFT, AND THEN...
THIS IS YOUR ROOM, SIR! I HOPE YOU'LL BE COMFORTABLE HERE!
BUT AFTER THE CLERK LEFT, STRANGE LAUGHTER FILLED THE LITTLE ROOM...
HE HOPES I'LL BE COMFORTABLE...
HO! HAW! HO! HO! HAW! HAW! HAW!
OPENING HIS TRAVELLING BAG, THE STRANGER REMOVED MANY QUEER ARTICLES...
LET'S SEE! I HAVE IT ALL HERE! THE ROPE... THE KNIFE... HA-HA-HA!
THE NEXT MORNING, A HYSTERICALLY SCREAMING SERVANT RACED DOWN THE STEPS OF THE INN..
HE'S *DEAD!* HE'S *DEAD! MR. PENDLETON'S BEEN MURDERED!*
AND A SHORT TIME LATER, THE LAW WAS SUMMONED..
ALL RIGHT! SHOW US THE MURDERED MAN!
THANK PROVIDENCE, YOU HAVE ARRIVED, SIR! IT'S RIGHT UP HERE...
THIS IS... WAS POOR MR. PENDLETON'S ROOM!
HIS *RING,* AND HIS *MONEY... GONE!*
IT IS OBVIOUSLY MURDER WITH ROBBERY FOR A MOTIVE!
BEHIND HIS LOCKED DOOR THE MYSTERIOUS STRANGER GLOATED AT THE REMARKS OF THE POLICE!

I WANT TO MEET WHOEVER HAS THE NEARBY ROOMS! WHO'S IN *HERE*?
I DON'T KNOW... SOME STRANGER! HE CAME HERE LAST NIGHT! I'LL KNOCK ON HIS DOOR!
WHAT'S YOUR NAME... QUICKLY?
COME IN...
MY NAME IS MEEK... MILTON MEEK! I AM BUT A POOR TRAVELLING STRANGER IN YOUR CITY, SIR!
DID YOU KNOW THE BANKER... PENDELTON?
NO, I KNOW NO ONE IN THIS CITY! I ARRIVED LAST NIGHT AND SLEPT ALL EVENING... UNTIL A FEW MINUTES AGO WHEN THE POLICE ARRIVED! WHAT IS WRONG, PRAY TELL?
MURDER! THAT'S WHAT'S WRONG! ALL RIGHT... WE'RE FINISHED WITH YOU... FOR *NOW!*
BUT ONCE OUTSIDE OF MISTER MEEK'S ROOM, IT DEVELOPED THAT THE INSPECTOR WAS *NOT* FINISHED WITH HIM!
I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT MISTER MEEK HAS INSIDE OF HIS TRAVELLING BAG! THIS IS WHAT I WANT YOU TO DO, INNKEEPER... BZZZ... BZZZ...
VERY GOOD, SIR...
AND SO...
MISTER MEEK... I HAVE A LETTER FOR YOU DOWNSTAIRS!
A LETTER?

WHO COULD BE WRITING TO *ME?* NO ONE KNOWS I'M *HERE!*
I'M SURE *I* DON'T KNOW, SIR!
THE MINUTE MEEK LEFT HIS ROOM...
QUICKLY, NOW! WE'VE ONLY GOT A FEW *SECONDS!*
IT-IT CONTAINS NOTHING BUT *CLOTHES!*
LOOKS LIKE HE ISN'T THE MAN WE'RE AFTER!
MEANWHILE, DOWNSTAIRS...
THIS LETTER ISN'T FOR *ME!* IT'S ADDRESSED TO A *MISTER SNELL!*
OH, DEAR! THAT'S *ME!* I'M SORRY, SIR... MY EYESIGHT IS NOT WHAT IT USED TO BE! SORRY TO HAVE DISTURBED YOU!
THE FOOLS... DID THEY THINK TO CATCH ME BY SUCH A *STUPID* RUSE?
DID THEY NOT KNOW I *EXPECTED* THEM TO SEARCH MY TRAVELING BAG?
IT'S ALL SO EASY... *SO VERY EASY!*

BUT DOWNSTAIRS, THE DETECTIVE WOULDN'T GIVE UP!
I KNOW HE'S OUR MAN, AND WE'LL GET HIM YET! HERE'S WHAT WE'LL DO NEXT...
INNKEEPER, I'M STATIONING TWO OFFICERS HERE, AT THE FOOT OF THE STAIRS! NO ONE CAN LEAVE THIS INN WITHOUT BEING THOROUGHLY SEARCHED!
HE OUGHT TO HEAR *THAT!*
SO, THEY THINK THEY'LL CATCH THE MURDERER *THAT* WAY, DO THEY? *HO! HO!* IT'S A GOOD THING MILTON MEEK CAME PREPARED WITH A *ROPE!*
THEY CAN WAIT AT THE FOOT OF THE STAIRS 'TIL DOOMSDAY, BEFORE THEY'LL SEE ME!
AND AN HOUR LATER, THE INSPECTOR WALKED TO THE REAR DOOR OF THE INN...
WELL, HE'S HAD AN HOUR TO ESCAPE! LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENED!
OPENING THE DOOR, A STARTLING, THOUGH EXPECTED SIGHT, MET THEIR EYES...
YOU-YOU WERE RIGHT, INSPECTOR!
SO IT SEEMS!
MEEK THOUGHT HE WAS PREPARED FOR *ANYTHING!* BUT, BEING A STRANGER, HE COULDN'T HAVE KNOWN THERE WOULD BE *QUICKSAND* UNDER HIS WINDOW! AND SO, WE CLOSE ANOTHER TRAGIC CASE!
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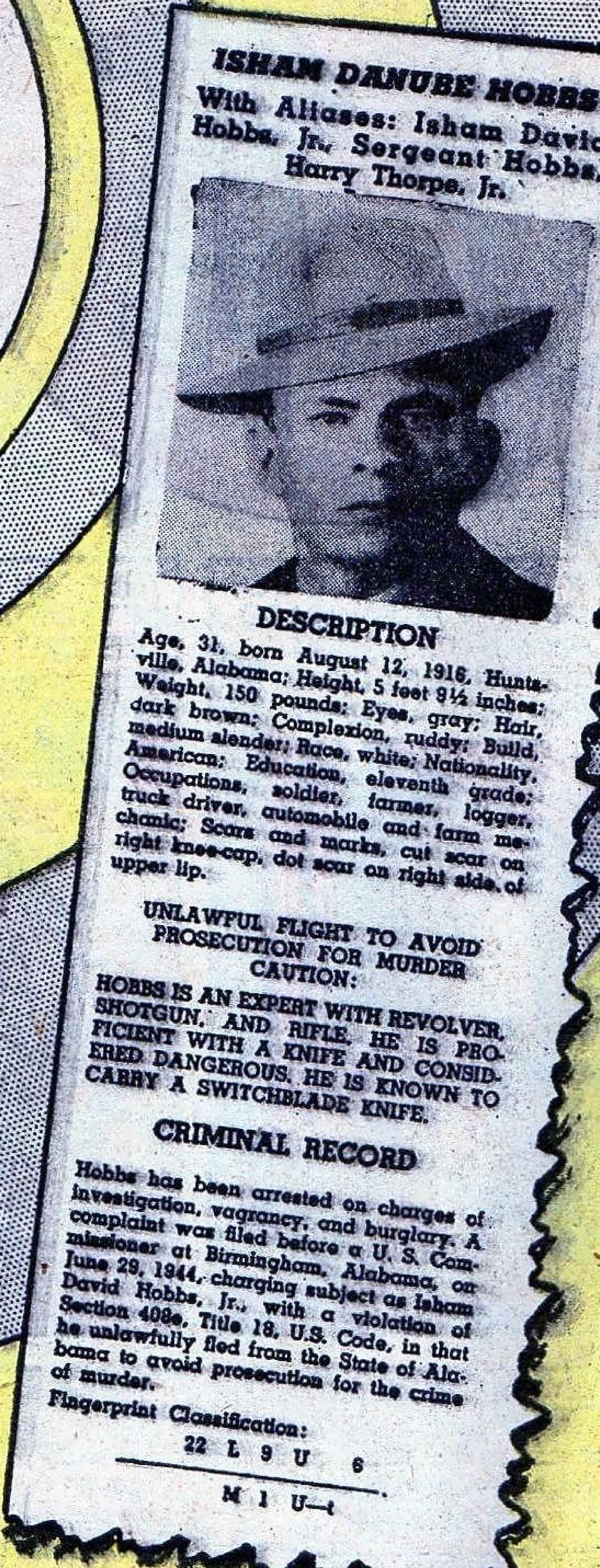

ISHAM DANUBE HOBBS

With Aliases: Isham David Hobbs, Jr., Sergeant Hobbs, Harry Thorpe, Jr.

DESCRIPTION

Age, 31, born August 12, 1916, Huntsville, Alabama; Height, 5 feet 9½ inches; Weight, 150 pounds; Eyes, gray; Hair, dark brown; Complexion, ruddy; Build, medium slender; Race, white; Nationality, American; Education, eleventh grade; Occupations, soldier, farmer, logger, truck driver, automobile and farm mechanic; Scars and marks, cut scar on right knee-cap, dot scar on right side of upper lip.

UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION FOR MURDER

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CRIMINAL RECORD

Hobbs has been arrested on charges of investigation, vagrancy, and burglary. A complaint was filed before a U. S. Commissioner at Birmingham, Alabama, on June 29, 1944, charging subject as Isham David Hobbs, Jr., with a violation of Section 408e, Title 18, U.S. Code, in that he unlawfully fled from the State of Alabama to avoid prosecution for the crime of murder.

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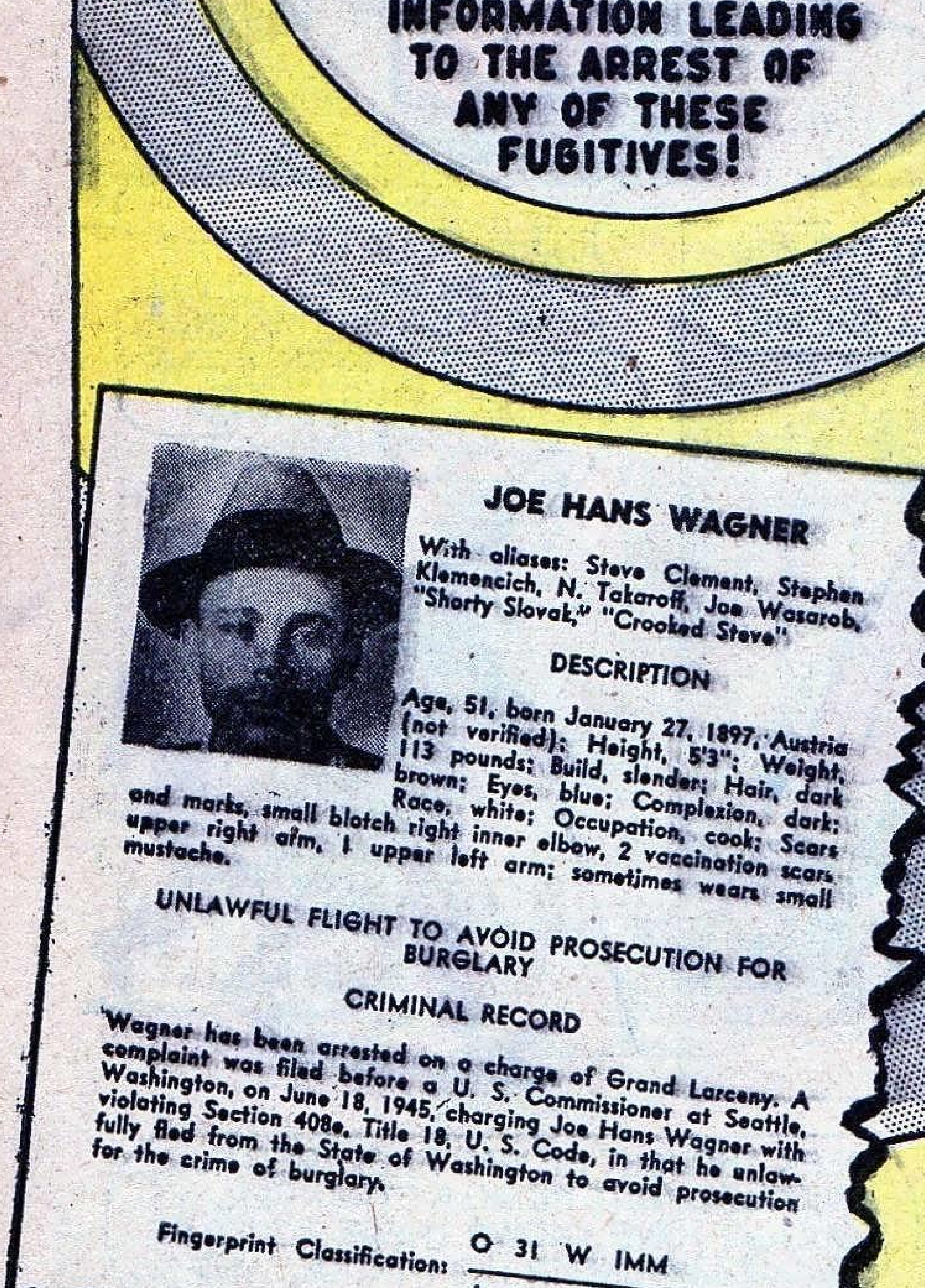

JOE HANS WAGNER

With aliases: Steve Clement, Stephen Klemencich, N. Takaroff, Joe Wasarob, "Shorty Slovak," "Crooked Steve"

DESCRIPTION

Age, 51, born January 27, 1897, Austria (not verified); Height, 5'3"; Weight, 113 pounds; Build, slender; Hair, dark brown; Eyes, blue; Complexion, dark; Race, white; Occupation, cook; Scars and marks, small blotch right inner elbow, 2 vaccination scars upper right arm, 1 upper left arm; sometimes wears small mustache.

UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION FOR BURGLARY

CRIMINAL RECORD

Wagner has been arrested on a charge of Grand Larceny. A complaint was filed before a U. S. Commissioner at Seattle, Washington, on June 18, 1945, charging Joe Hans Wagner with violating Section 408e, Title 18, U. S. Code, in that he unlawfully fled from the State of Washington to avoid prosecution for the crime of burglary.

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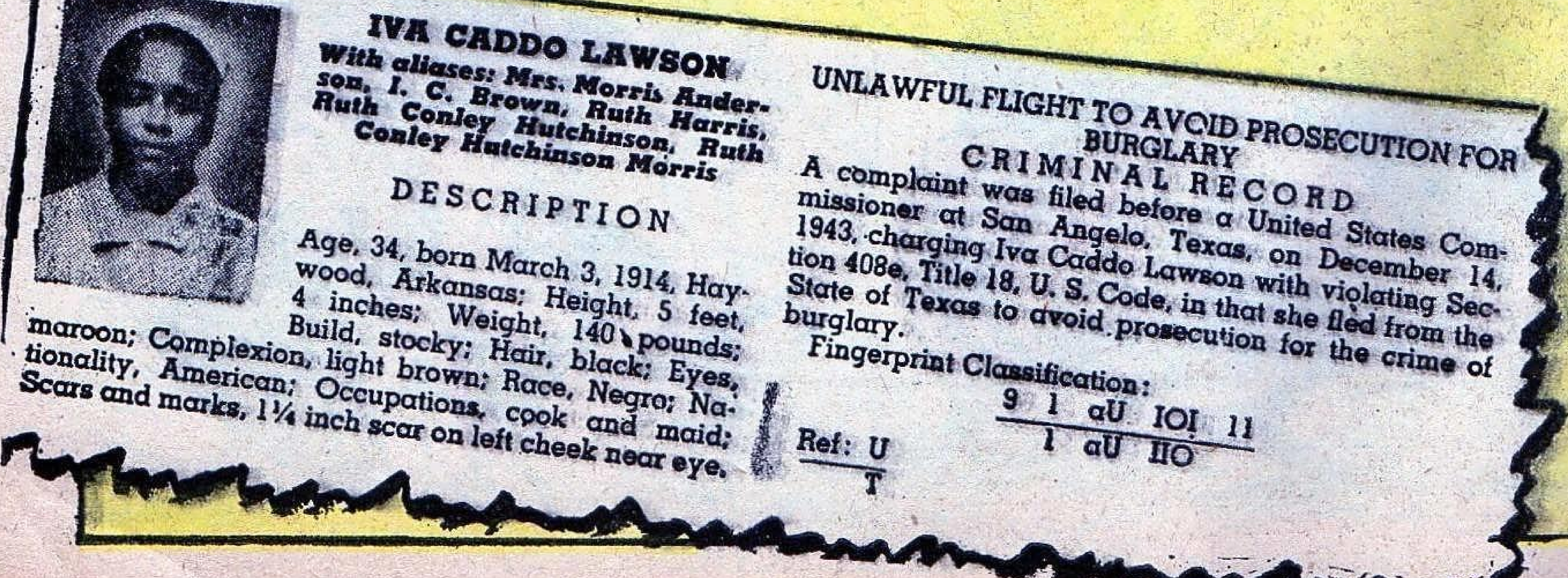

IVA CADDO LAWSON

With aliases: Mrs. Morris Anderson, I. C. Brown, Ruth Harris, Ruth Conley Hutchinson, Ruth Conley Hutchinson Morris

DESCRIPTION

Age, 34, born March 3, 1914, Haywood, Arkansas; Height, 5 feet, 4 inches; Weight, 140 pounds; Build, stocky; Hair, black; Eyes, maroon; Complexion, light brown; Race, Negro; Nationality, American; Occupations, cook and maid; Scars and marks, 1¼ inch scar on left cheek near eye.

UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION FOR BURGLARY

CRIMINAL RECORD

A complaint was filed before a United States Commissioner at San Angelo, Texas, on December 14, 1943, charging Iva Caddo Lawson with violating Section 408e, Title 18, U. S. Code, in that she fled from the State of Texas to avoid prosecution for the crime of burglary.

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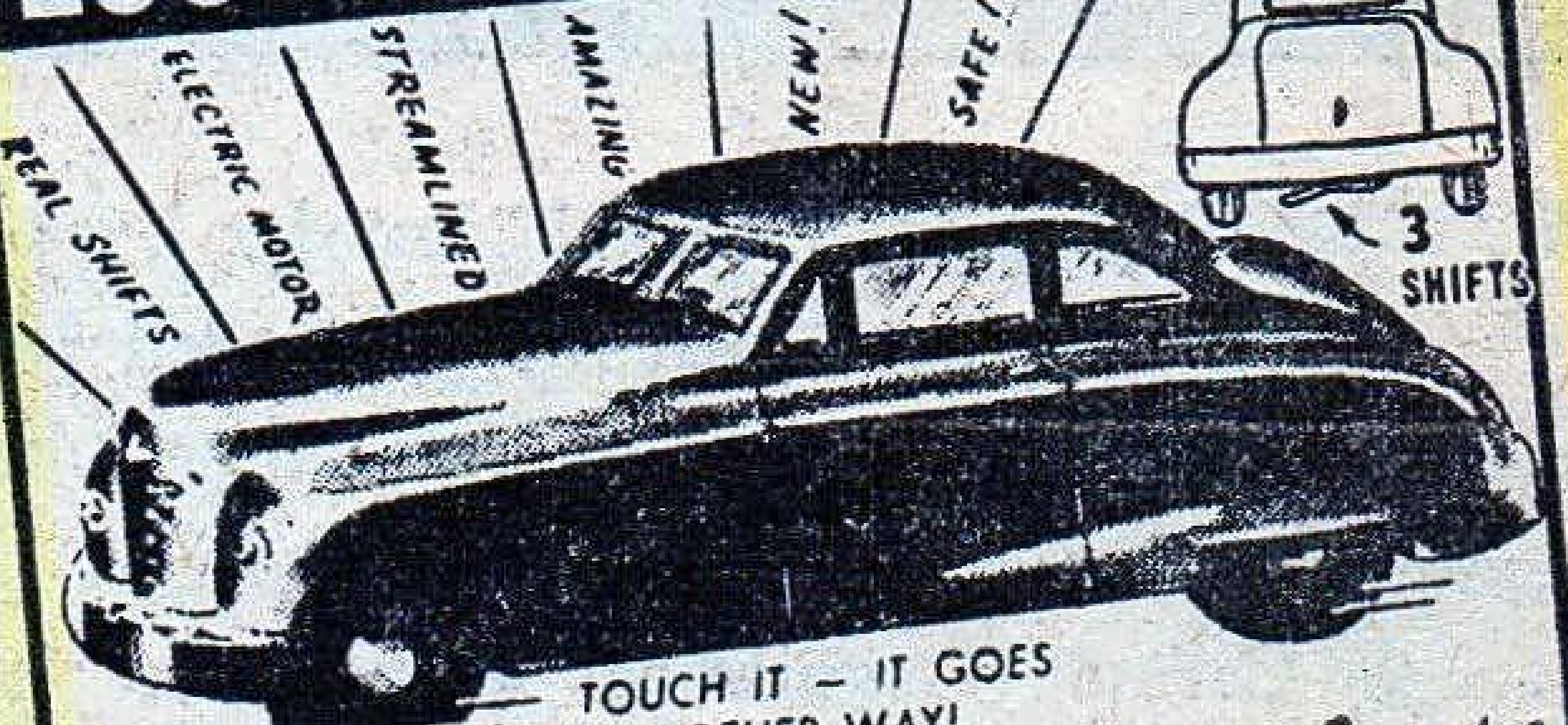

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"YOU'RE finished, George!" Powder Byrnes said. "The boys sent me up to tell you that they don't like welshers! You know what I'm going to do, George!"

George Carmody squirmed uneasily in his chair. When Powder Brynes went on a job, there was one object in view. Death, paid in advance.

"Let's talk this over, Powder!" George said placatingly. "I'll double what the boys gave you for the job! I'll make you rich enough to quit this racket!"

Powder shook his head. The chatter bored him but it invariably followed the same pattern. He had nothing against George Carmody. As a matter of fact, he had once thought that George was one of the good ones. George Carmody had pulled out of the rackets in the city four years ago. It had taken the mob that long to find him, buried here in the sticks. George Carmody had taken fifty thousand dollars of the mob's money with him when he disappeared.

"I hear you're well thought of around here, George!" Powder murmured as he lit a cigarette. "I asked directions to your place and the geezer told me what a fine fellow you were while he showed me the way!"

A glint of hope came into Carmody's eyes. "I am well thought of, Powder, by the police as well as the rest of the folks! If you kill me, they'll come after you! It won't be an ordinary gang killing up here! Far as the folks here know, I'm harmless George Carmody, living out on the edge of the swamp! They don't know a thing about Carmody, gambler and welsher! They'll get you if you go through with it!"

Powder smiled, showing small pointed teeth. He flipped his butt at an ash tray on the table. It missed but neither man paid attention to the burning tablecloth. Death was in the room, swift and efficient!

The hired killer reached for the gun in the holster under his arm. George Carmody just sat there and watched in fascination. He was watching an expert at work and knew it was useless to try to escape. The shiny but worn automatic came out, centered on its target, then spat its message of death. One bullet was used because only one bullet was needed.

Powder Byrnes stooped over, retrieved the brass shell casing and put it in a side pocket. He stepped over under the light while he removed parts of the gun until he had the barrel loose, then inserted a different barrel which he had in his pocket. The shell casing and the gun barrel would never again be seen by the eyes of man after the methodical killer had disposed of them. Byrnes wiped the knob of the door, the only object he had touched in Carmody's house.

The hired killer showed his first sign of nerves when he stepped off the porch. He lifted his feet high, started nervously when something moved in the bushes and nearly fainted when a night flying bat swooped past his eyes. Powder Byrnes, nerveless killer and terror of the underworld was one of those people that couldn't stand ants, spiders or any of the creeping life found in the brush surrounding Carmody's place.

He breathed a sigh of relief when he hit town and slipped into the side entrance of the theater. He had purchased a ticket earlier in the evening. This event had been planned for weeks. This movie, now being shown for the first time had been seen a week before in another city. The little gangster knew that the police would question him as soon as Carmody's body was found. He had made sure of this by inquiring about the dead

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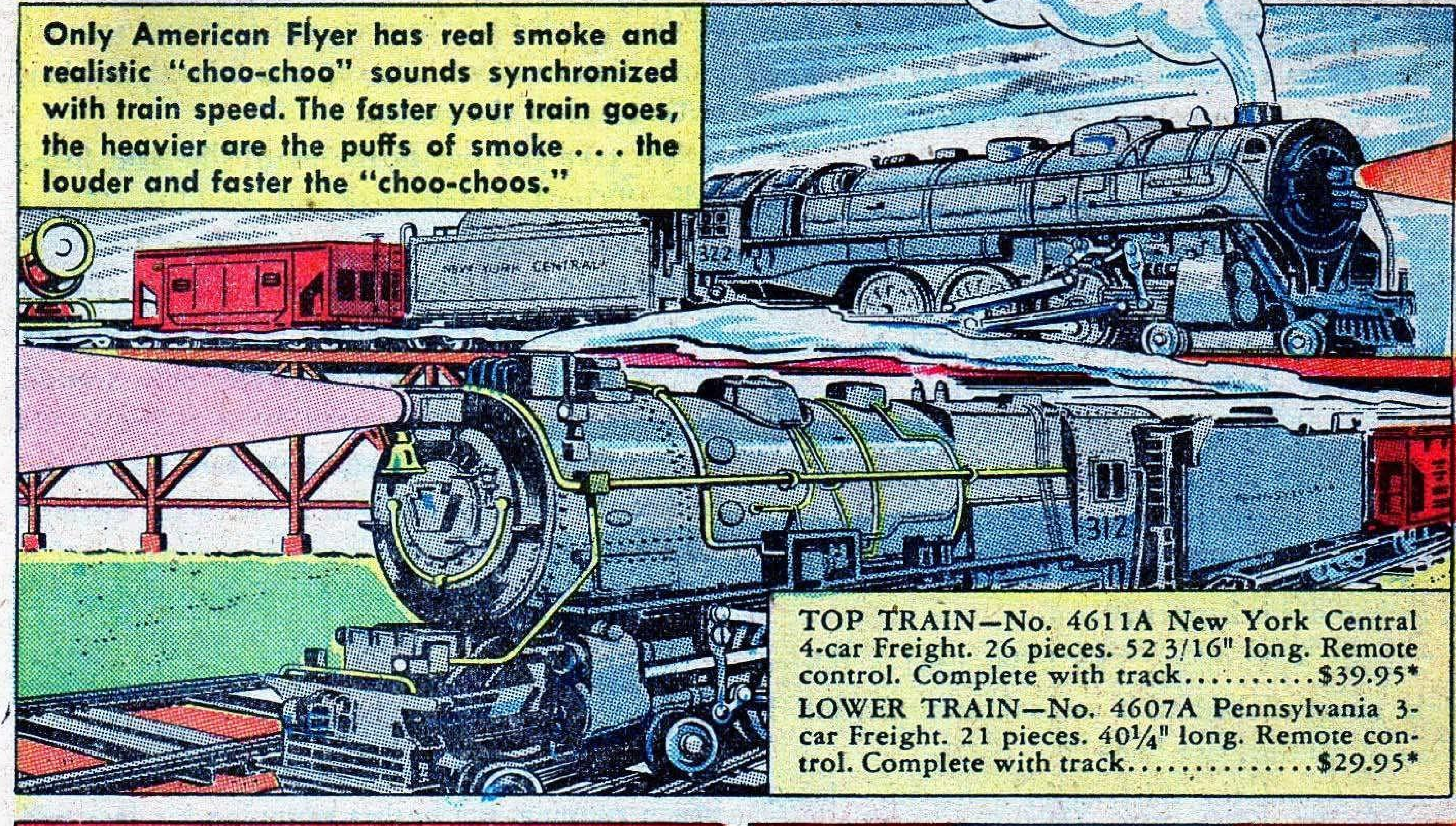
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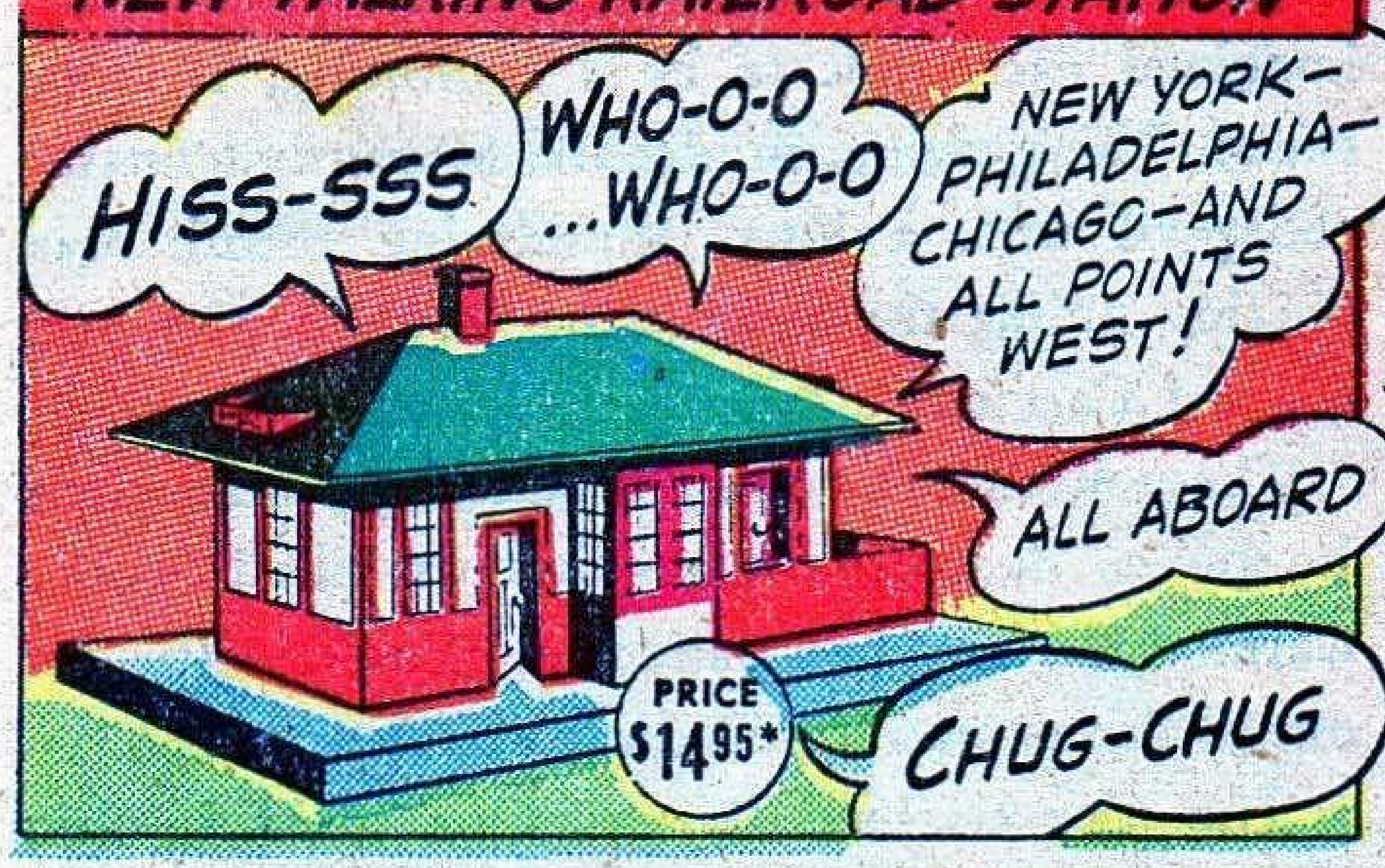
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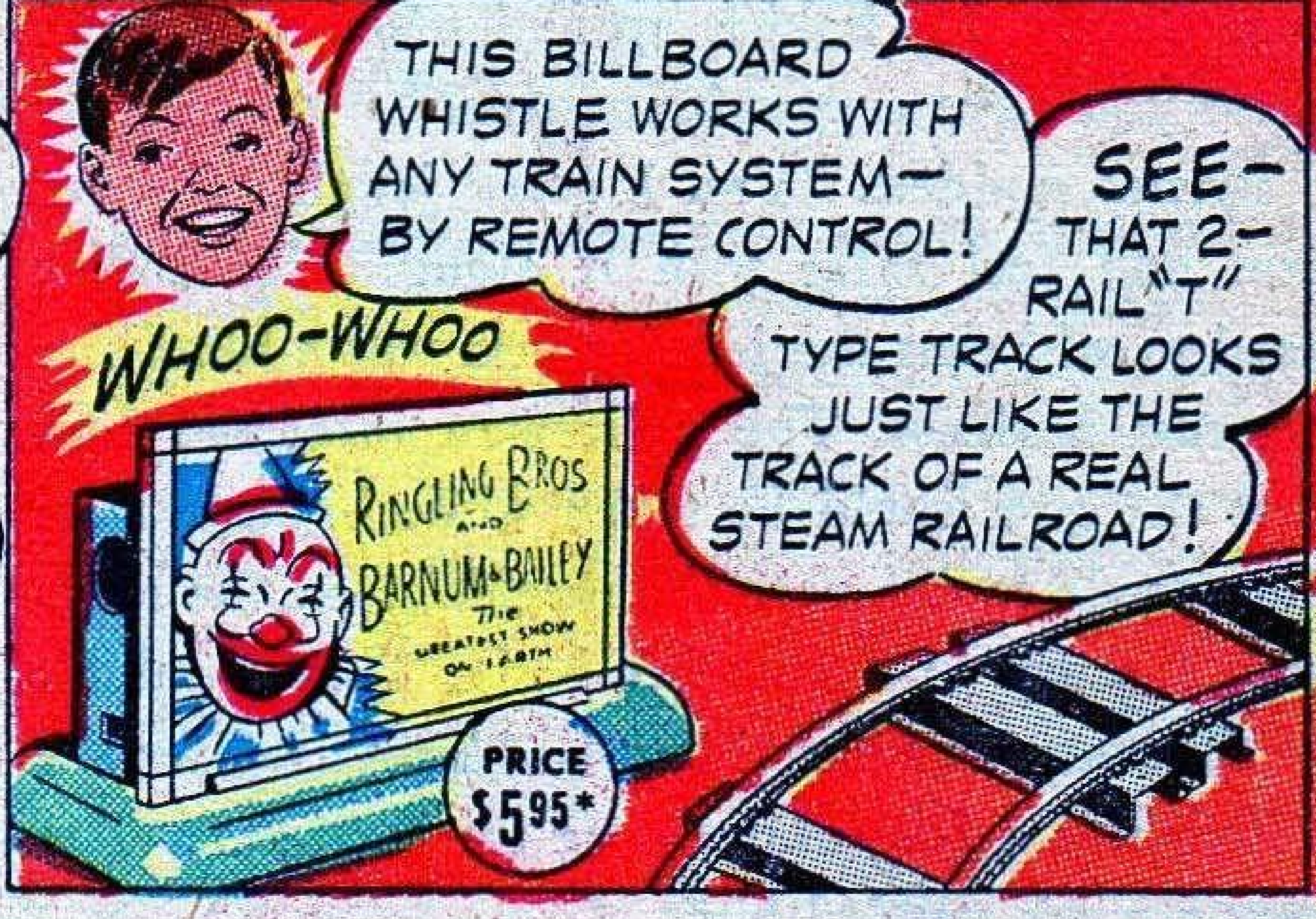
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man and letting it be known that Carmody was an old friend. Powder Byrnes had to have it that way. In his business it was imperative to hurry the investigation so that he'd be exonerated immediately. New jobs would not be given a man under investigation.

It came sooner than he expected. He left the movie when it finished, returned to his hotel after an ice cream soda, then got ready for bed. The knock on the door came just as he reached over to put out the light.

"Who's there?" Powder called mildly. The answer caused him to don a robe and open the door promptly. It was the police.

"Like to ask you a few questions, Mr. Byrnes," the biggest of the two policemen said, stepping inside. They were in uniform. "I hate to break the news like this but your friend, George Carmody, was murdered tonight!"

The killer blinked and sat down weakly. "How . . . when did it happen?"

"About eight-thirty. The killer used a thirty-eight automatic! Mind if we look around a little? Normal routine, you know!"

They found the thirty-eight automatic almost immediately. He held it up and asked mildly, "I guess you have a permit for this?"

Byrnes nodded. "Yes. I carry jewelry for my firm and feel safer with it along!" He didn't need to add that the jewelry firm was a blind for his real business. The policeman informed him that the gun would be taken while ballistic tests were made to compare the markings on the slugs with the one in Carmody's body. They wouldn't be the same. The barrel that had been used for the killing was a foot under ooze in the swamp. The next remark startled him.

"You'll have to come along and identify the body, Mr. Byrnes! You knew him longer than the rest of us! George was a fine fellow . . . I know quite a bit about him! We used to shoot the breeze during the winter when things were slow! He told me quite a bit about his life before he came here!"

The three men were quiet on the way to Carmody's house. They had to walk through the deep brush and Powder Byrnes slapped and sweated as they forced a path through the thick underbrush. He didn't like the swamp and the tall policeman noticed it.

"Bad place for snakes around Carmody's place!" he muttered. "It has poisonous spiders, skeeters and those things but mostly it has snakes . . . *plenty* of snakes!"

"Don't talk about snakes!" Byrnes pleaded. "I can't stand them!"

The identification was quick. Byrnes signed the affidavit, reeled off his prepared alibi and secured permission to leave. The cop was friendly as they walked out to the porch.

"I'll take you out to the road!" he said helpfully. "You lose your way and get bitten if you go alone! Those snakes are bad here!"

Powder Byrnes stayed close behind him as they plowed through the swamp. The brush became denser, then the city man felt water ooze around his shoe tops. He was scared as he called to his police escort to wait. When he received no answer, he became panicky! He was alone in the swamp! The only noise was the terrifying murmur of a million moving things, unknown terrors shielded by the suffocating darkness.

Byrnes began screaming for help. His voice pleaded, then rose hysterically as he shouted curses at the man who had led him into this. He began running, the bushes whipping his face and clothing to shreds, every step a nightmare as he imagined each root to be a squirming, striking snake. The gasping, mudcaked figure that finally collapsed with a long, shuddering breath was pitiably unlike the swaggering torpedo who had entered Carmody's house earlier.

The policeman's voice was startlingly near when he spoke. "Ready to confess that you killed George Carmody?" he asked patiently. "You'll never get out of this swamp if you don't tell the truth!"

The idea terrified Byrnes. One night in that swamp would be more than his quivering nerves could stand.

"Y-yes, I did it! I'll show you where I threw the barrel of the gun! G-get me out of here, please!"

Byrnes was convicted of Carmody's murder. The policeman who engineered it laughed when he told about the confession later.

"Carmody told me that it might happen some day and that Byrnes would pull the trigger! I had to let Byrnes convict himself! Funny thing, I haven't seen a snake around there in years!"

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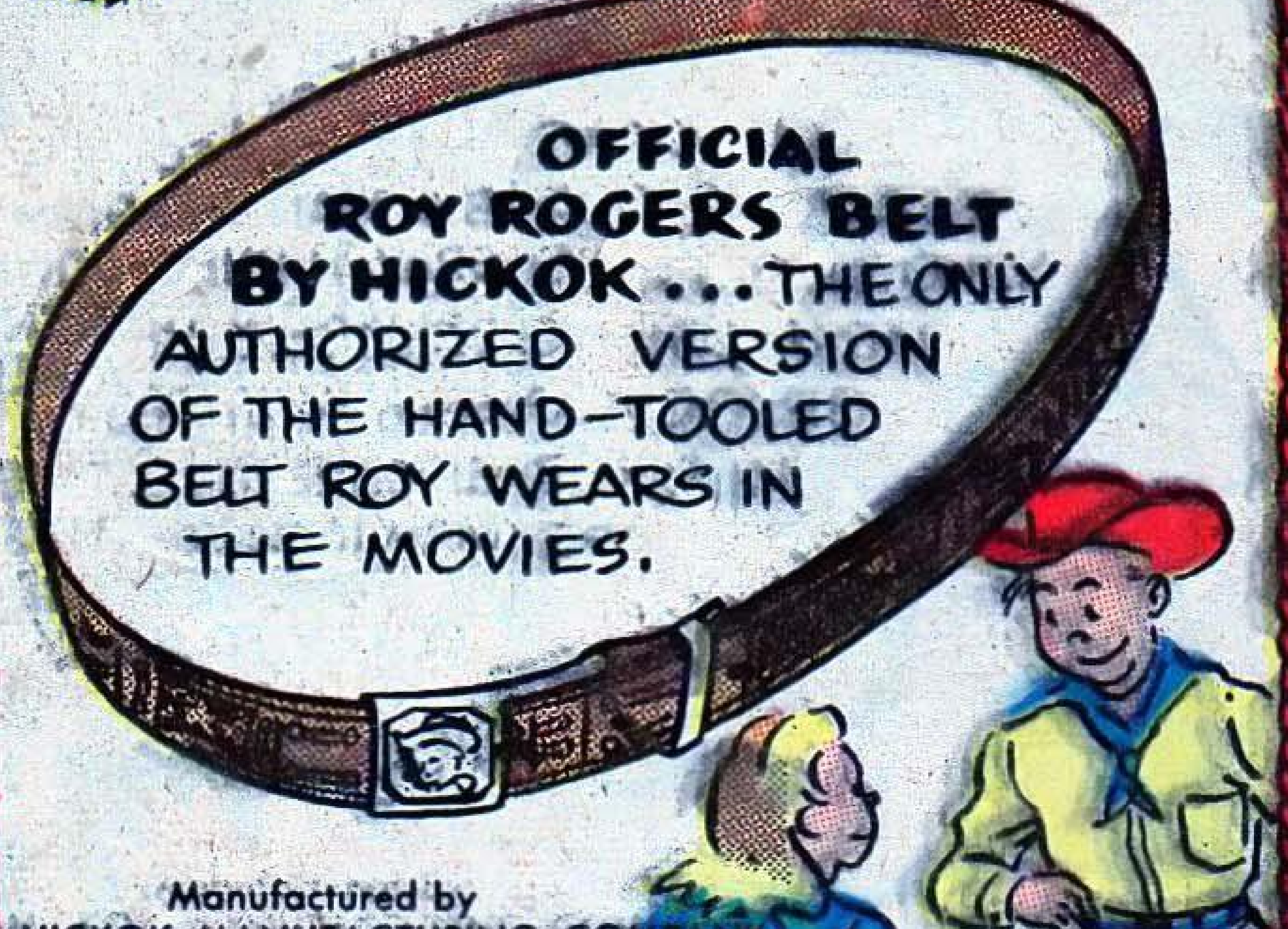

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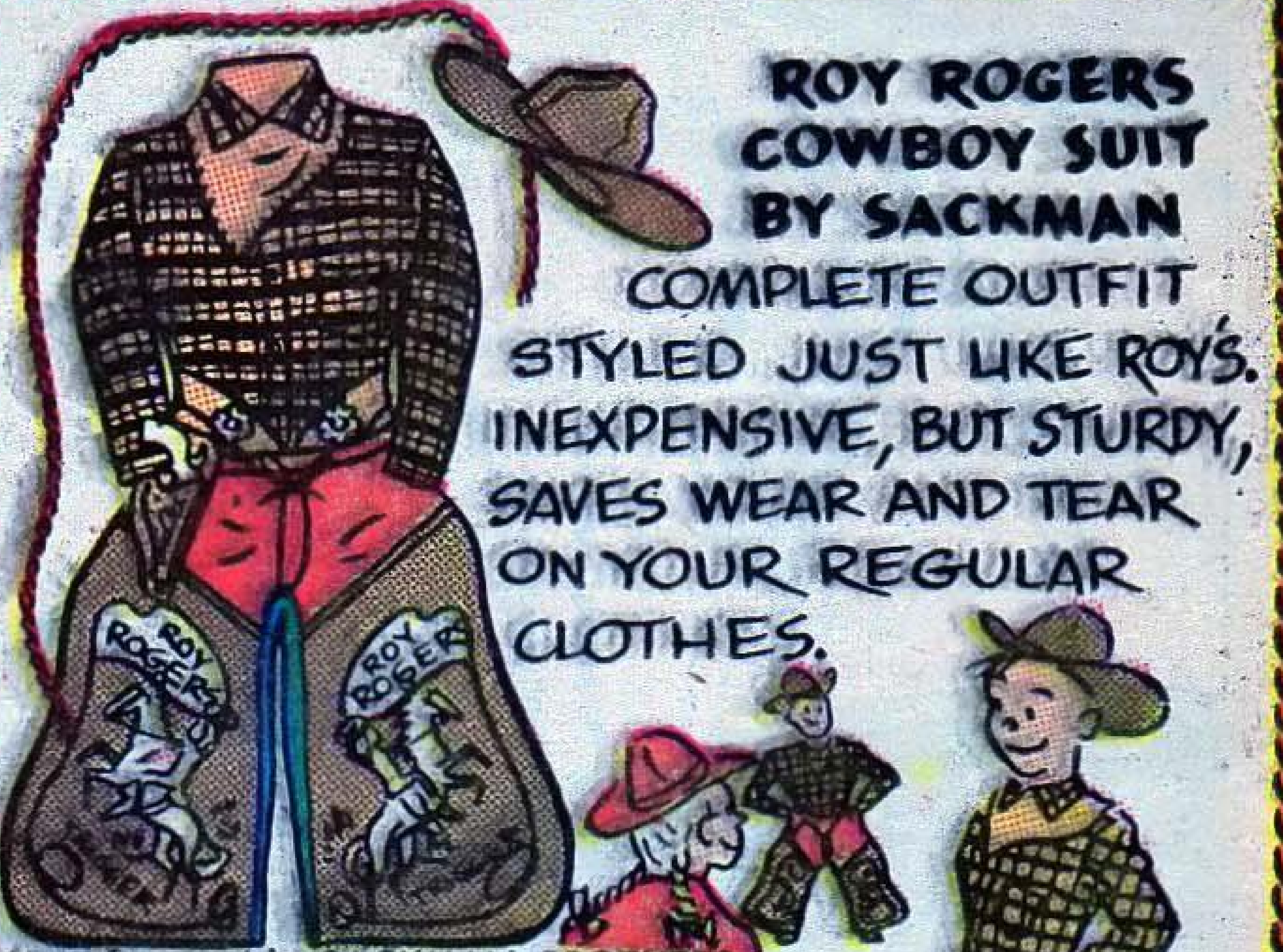

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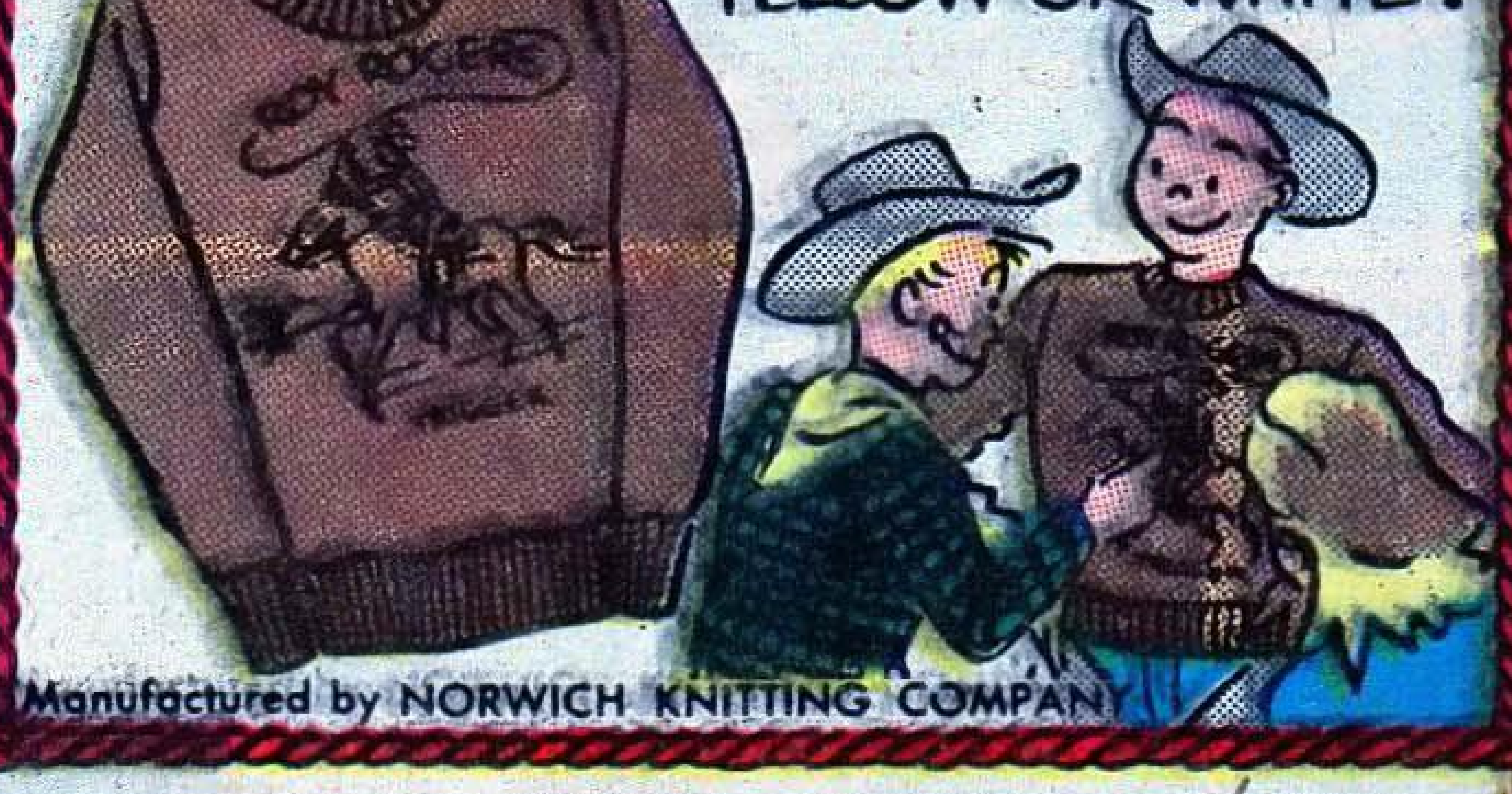

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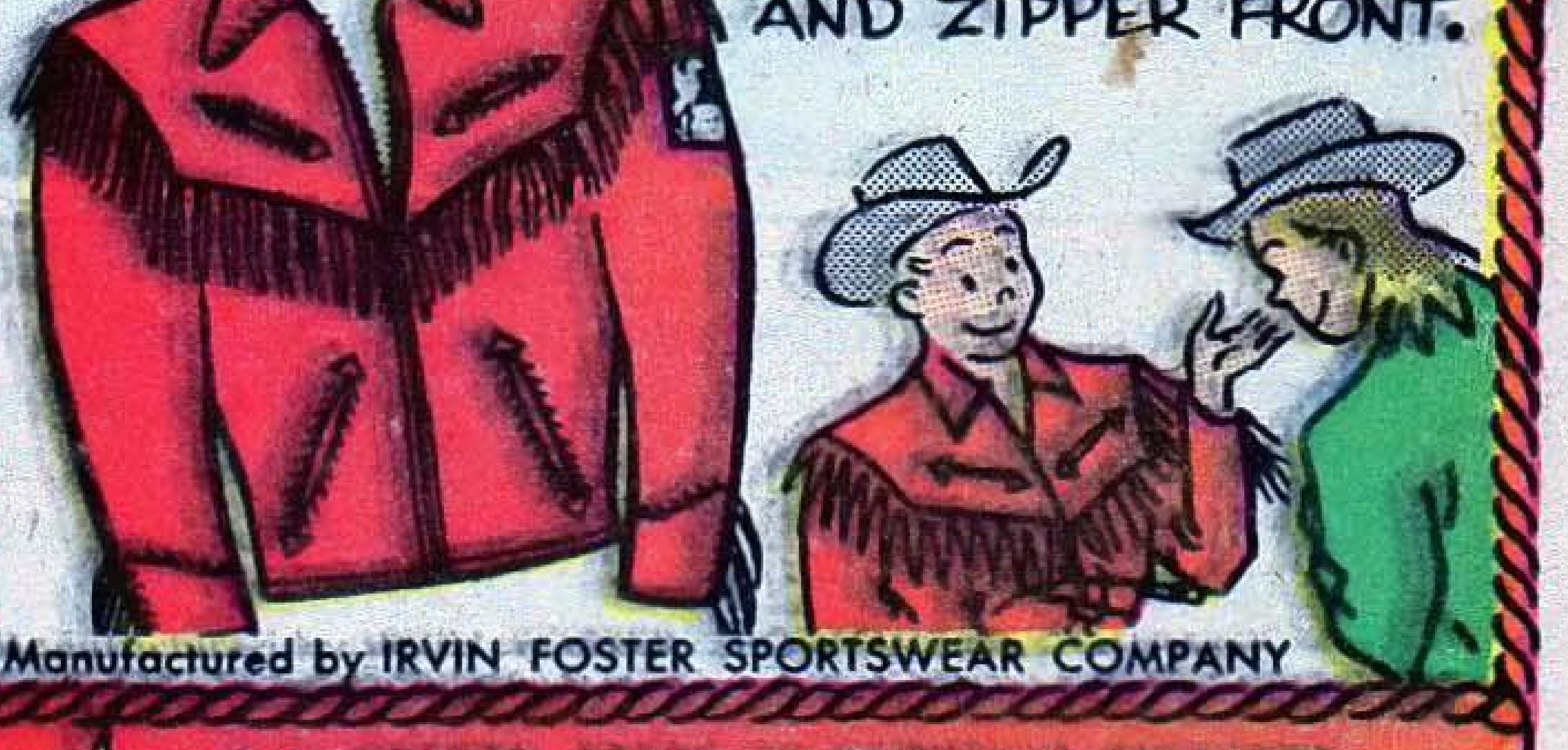

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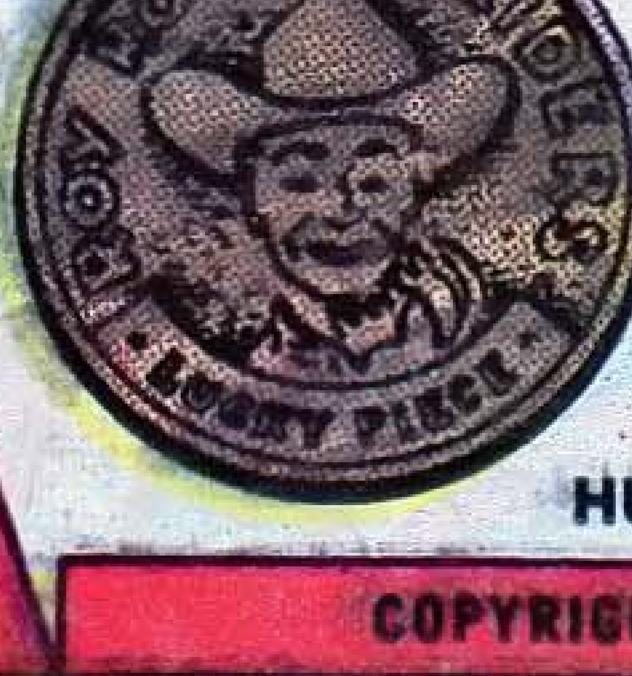

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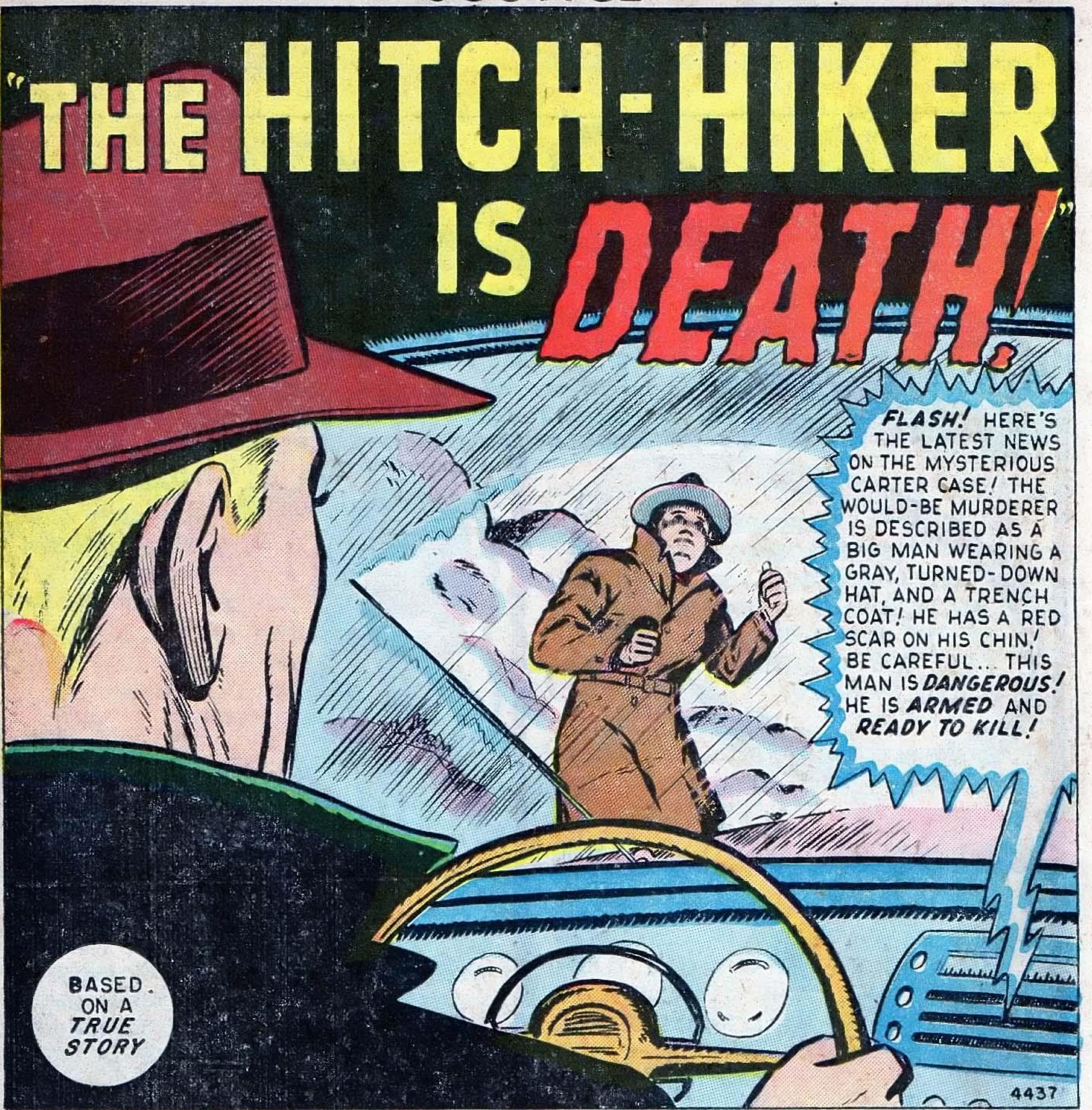
FLASH! HERE'S THE LATEST NEWS ON THE MYSTERIOUS CARTER CASE! THE WOULD-BE MURDERER IS DESCRIBED AS A BIG MAN WEARING A GRAY, TURNED-DOWN HAT, AND A TRENCH COAT! HE HAS A RED SCAR ON HIS CHIN! BE CAREFUL... THIS MAN IS *DANGEROUS!* HE IS *ARMED* AND *READY TO KILL!*
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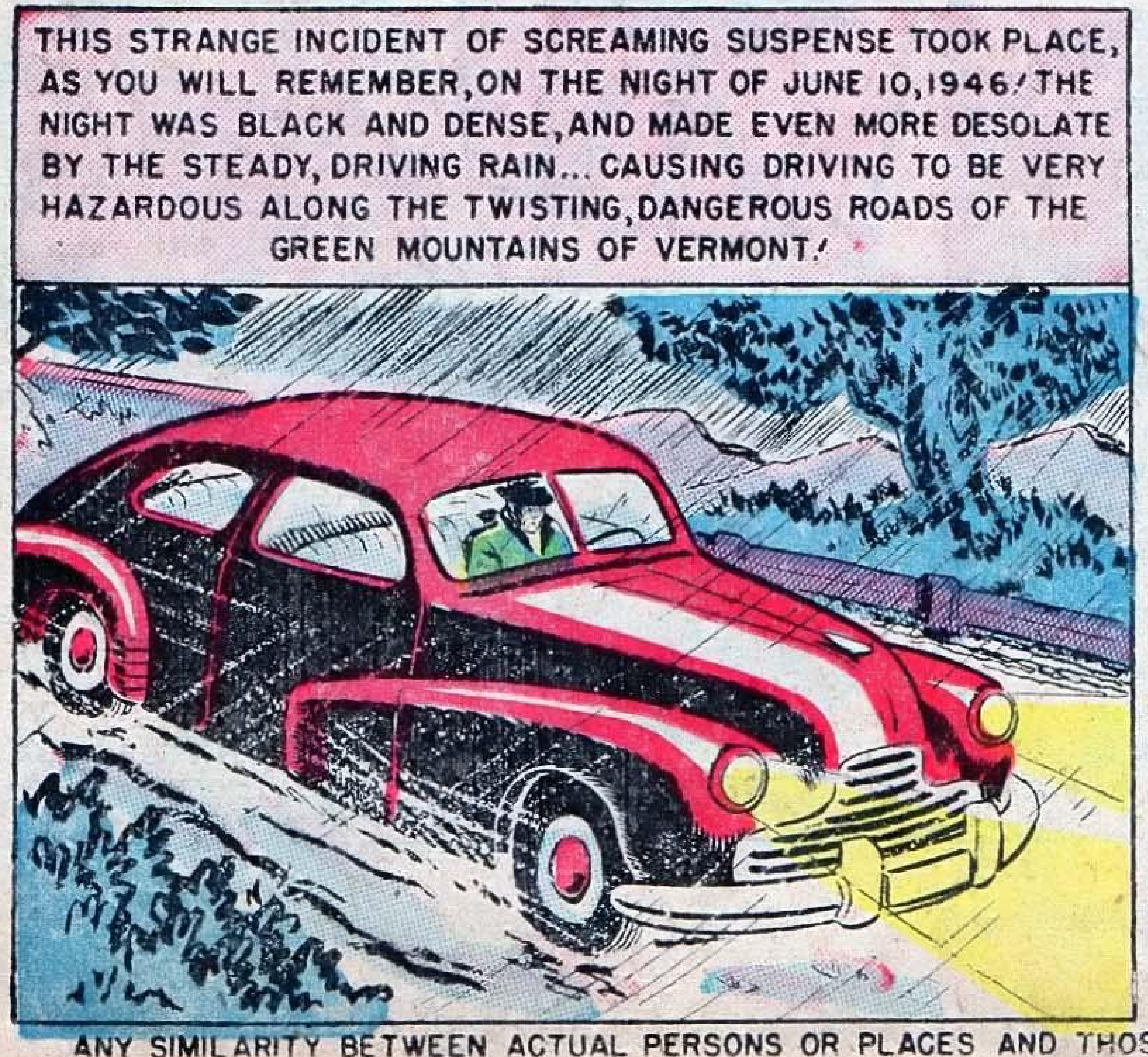
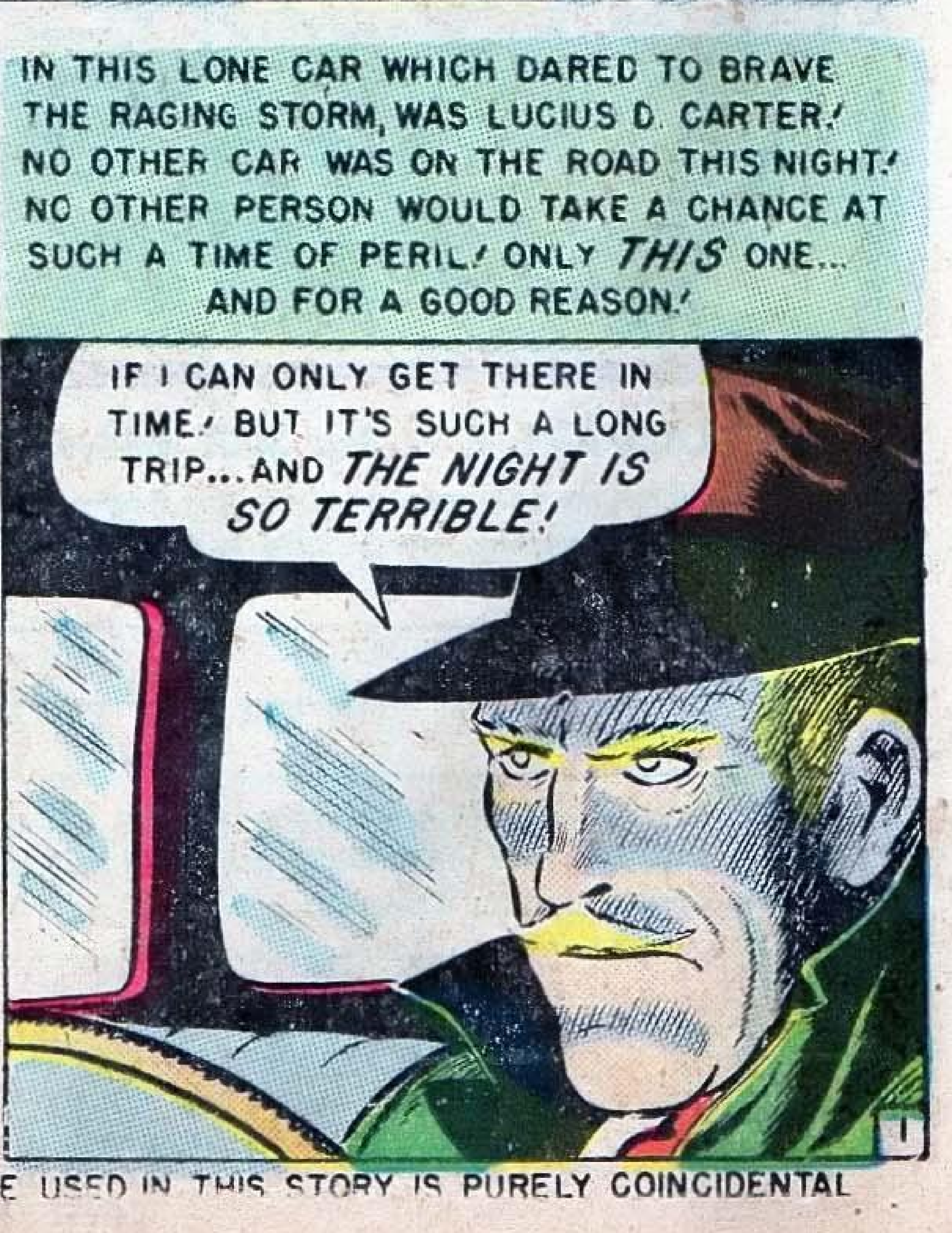

THIS STRANGE INCIDENT OF SCREAMING SUSPENSE TOOK PLACE, AS YOU WILL REMEMBER, ON THE NIGHT OF JUNE 10, 1946! THE NIGHT WAS BLACK AND DENSE, AND MADE EVEN MORE DESOLATE BY THE STEADY, DRIVING RAIN... CAUSING DRIVING TO BE VERY HAZARDOUS ALONG THE TWISTING, DANGEROUS ROADS OF THE GREEN MOUNTAINS OF VERMONT!


IN THIS LONE CAR WHICH DARED TO BRAVE THE RAGING STORM, WAS LUCIUS D. CARTER! NO OTHER CAR WAS ON THE ROAD THIS NIGHT! NO OTHER PERSON WOULD TAKE A CHANCE AT SUCH A TIME OF PERIL! ONLY *THIS* ONE... AND FOR A GOOD REASON!
IF I CAN ONLY GET THERE IN TIME! BUT IT'S SUCH A LONG TRIP... AND *THE NIGHT IS SO TERRIBLE!*
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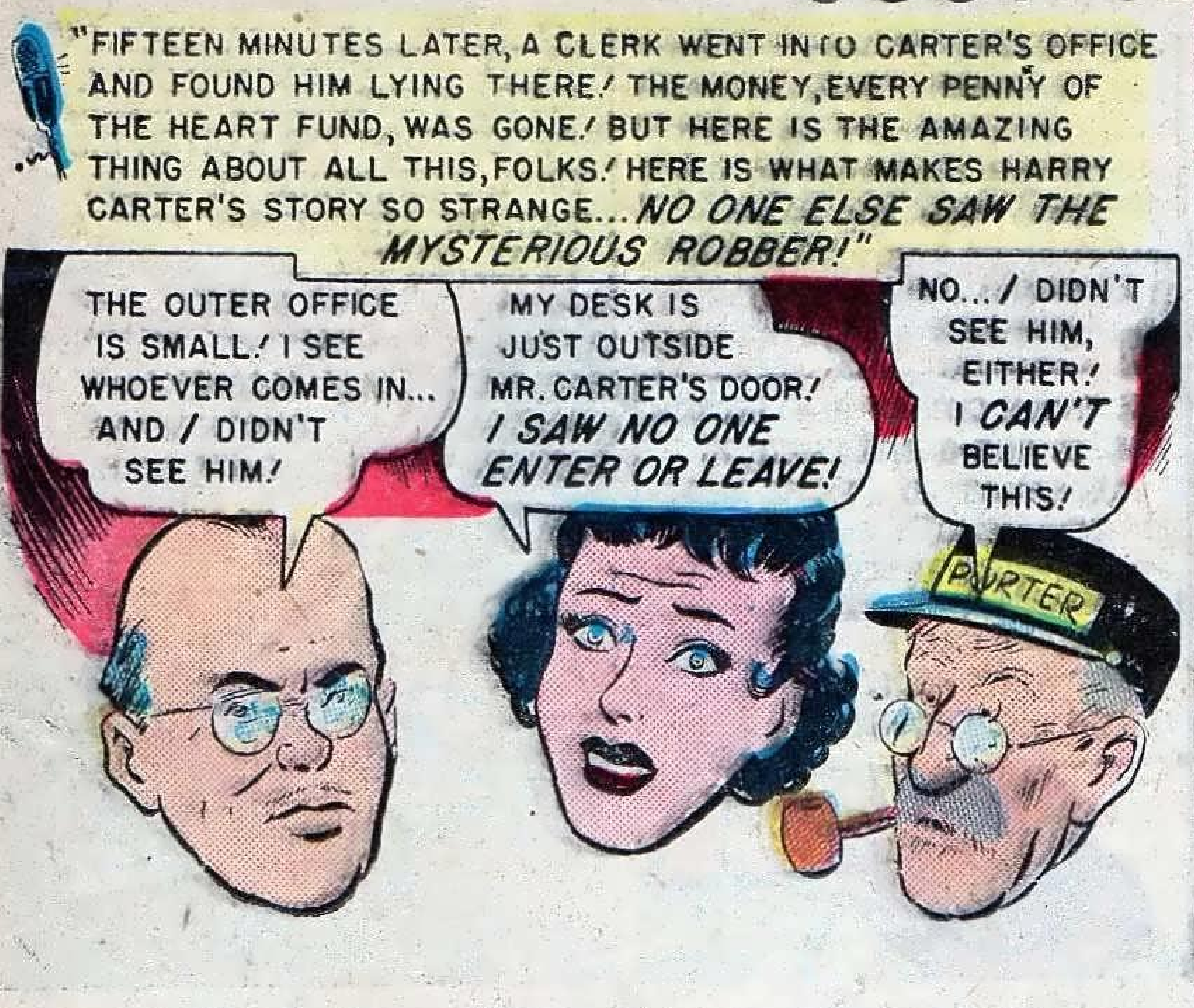
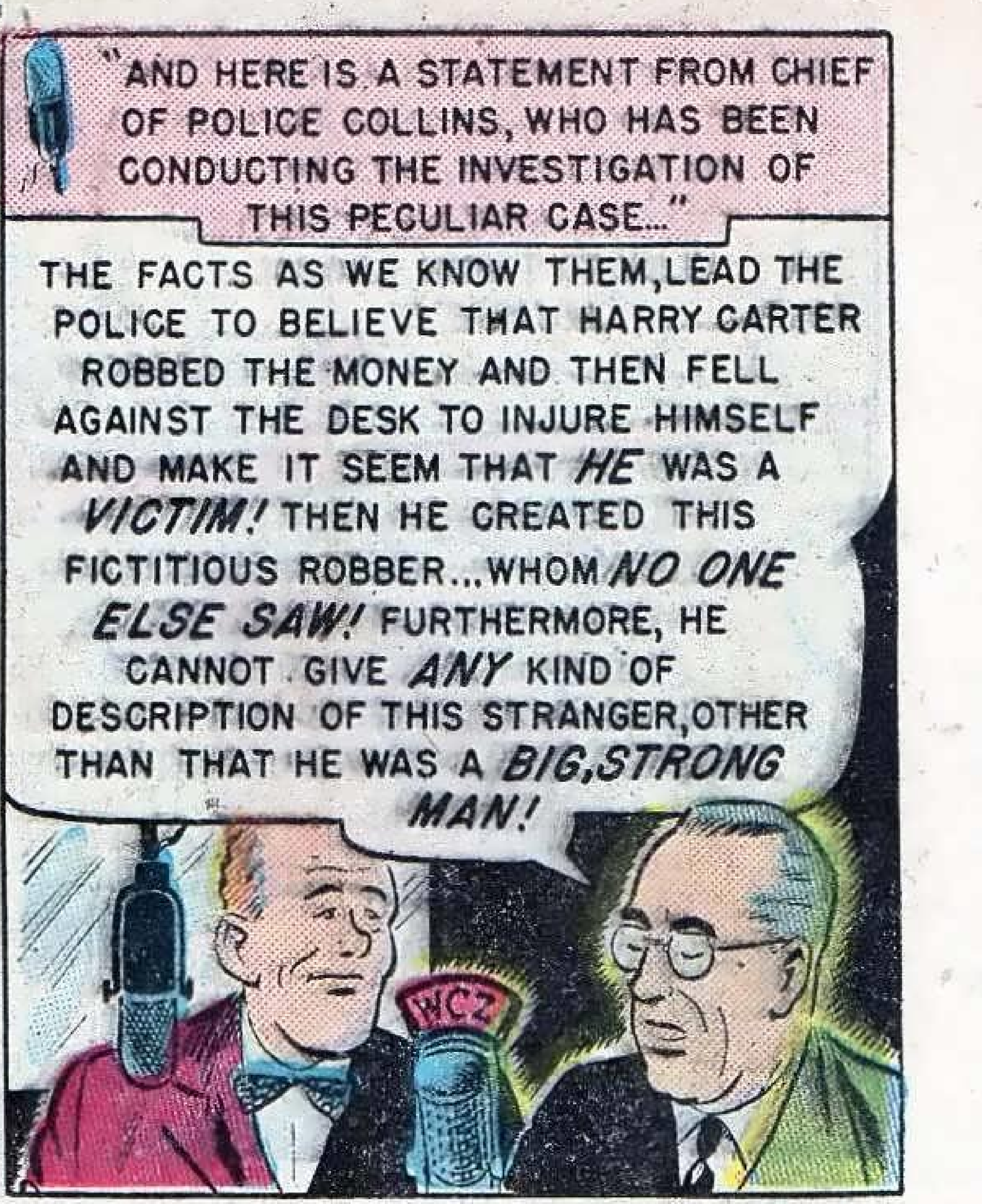
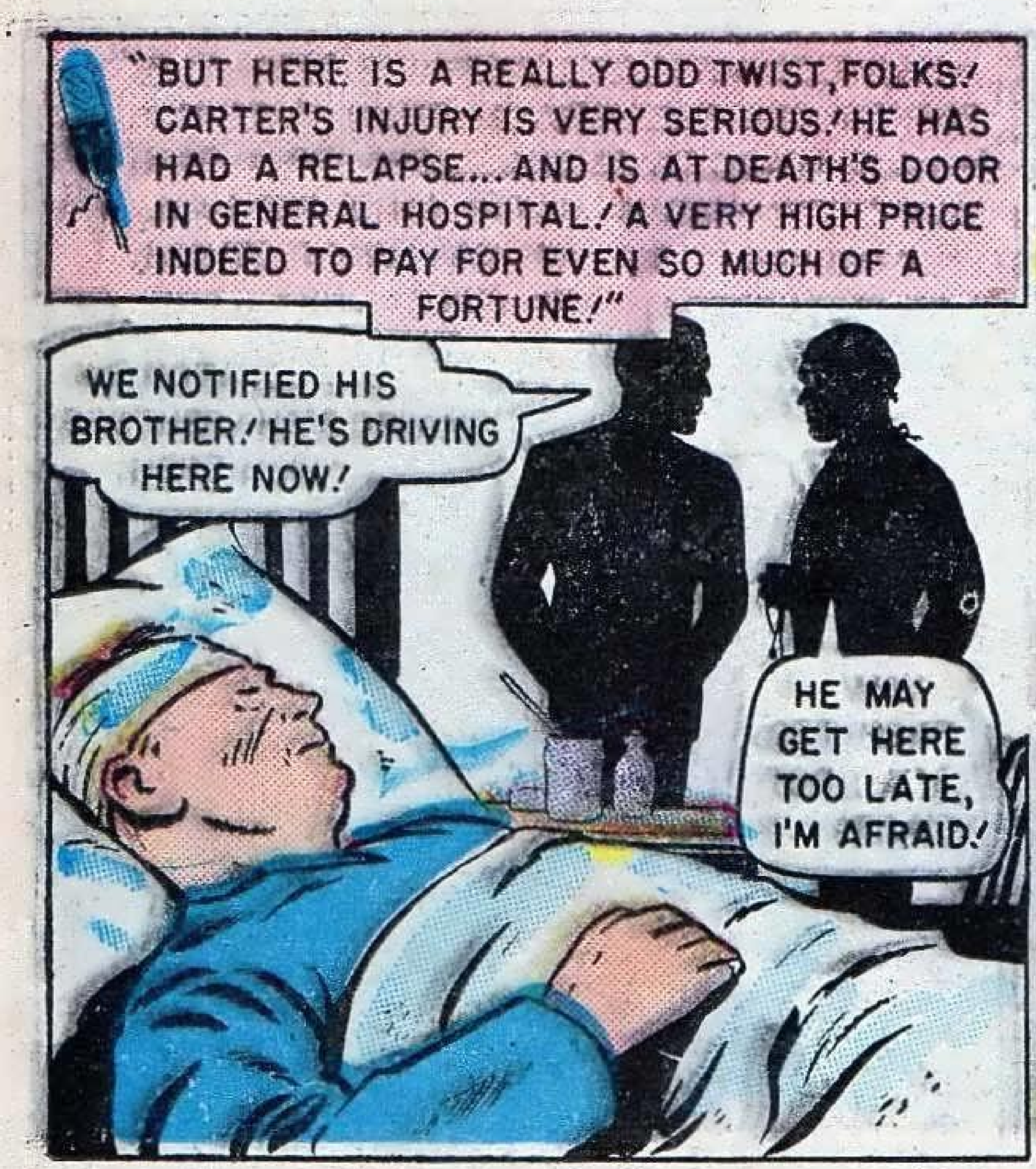
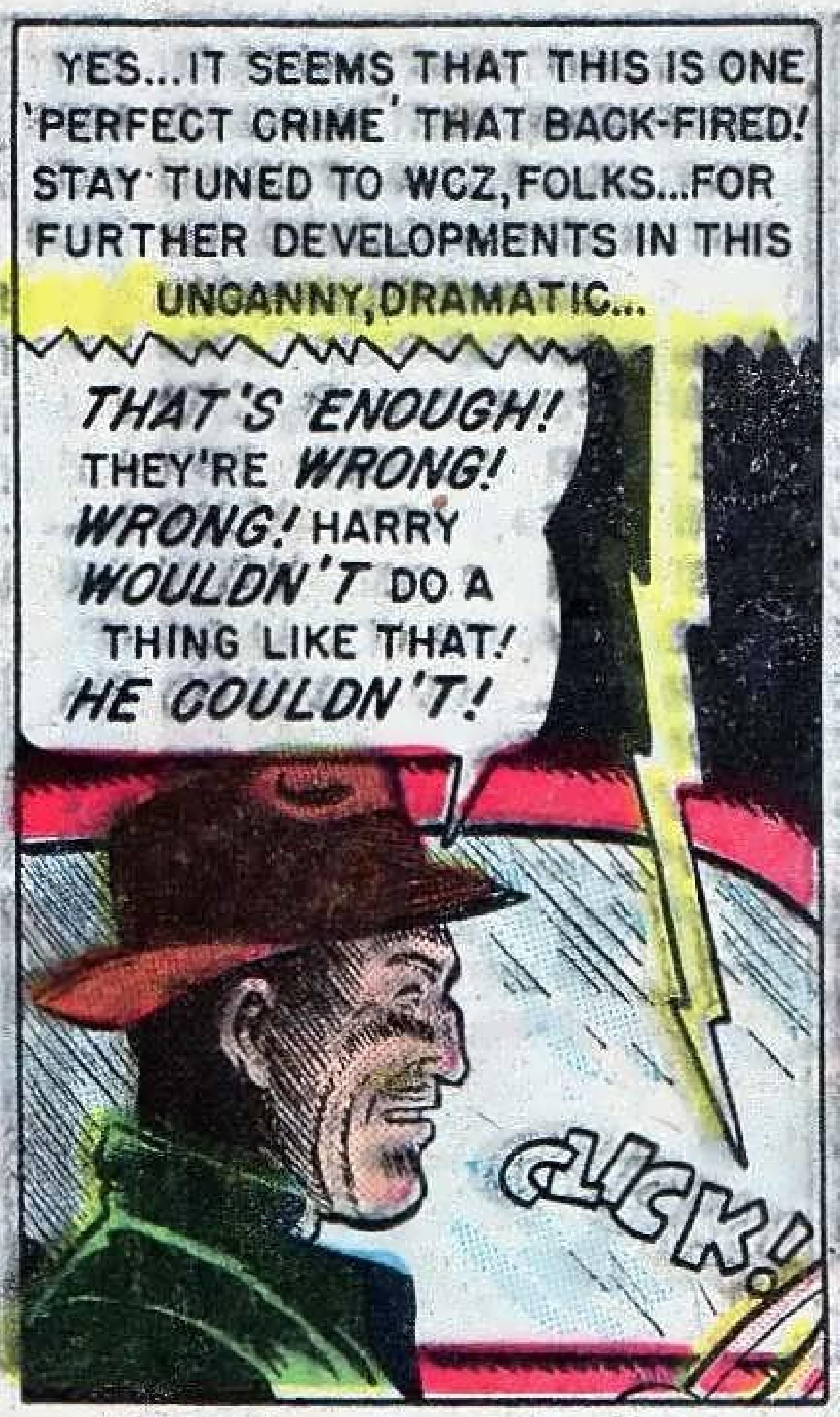
ANY SIMILARITY BETWEEN ACTUAL PERSONS OR PLACES AND THOSE USED IN THIS STORY IS PURELY COINCIDENTAL

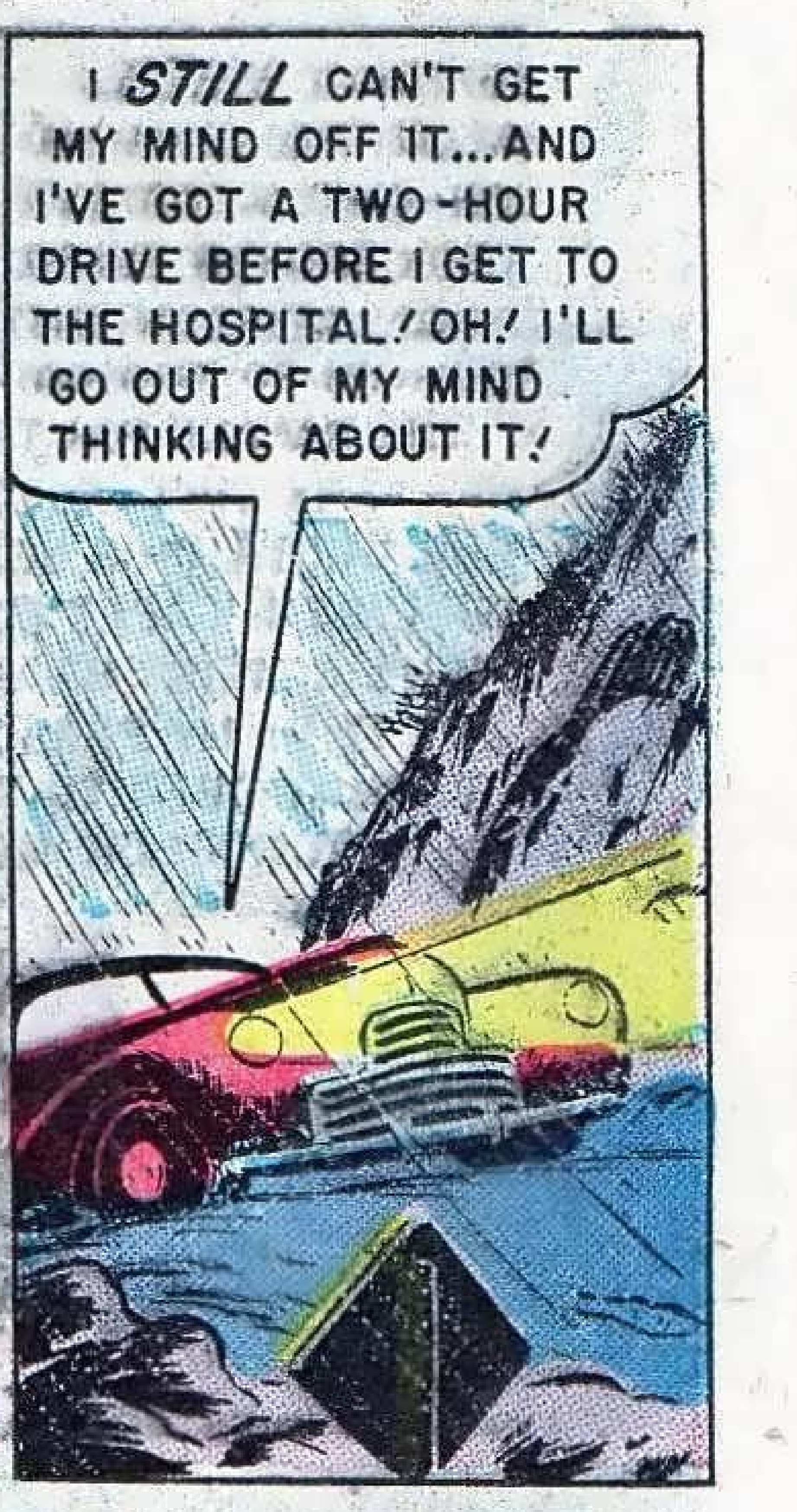
I'VE GOT TO KEEP FROM THINKING ABOUT IT... OR I'LL GO *CRAZY!* TURN ON THE RADIO... GET MUSIC... THAT'LL GIVE ME SOMETHING ELSE TO THINK ABOUT... *MAYBE!*
...BUT LUCIUS CARTER WAS NOT TO FORGET... NOT FOR ONE SINGLE MOMENT WAS HIS MIND TO BE DIVERTED FROM THAT WHICH WAS PRESSING ON HIS MEMORY! FOR THE RADIO ANNOUNCER WAS TELLING OF THE EVENTS WHICH CAUSED HIM TO TAKE THIS DEATH-RIDE!
THE WHOLE CITY OF BURLINGTON, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IS FLABBERGASTED AT THE AMAZING OCCURENCES WHICH TOOK PLACE HERE THIS AFTERNOON!
AGAIN! CAN'T I GET AWAY FROM IT FOR ONE SECOND?
NOBODY WANTS TO BELIEVE THAT HARRY CARTER, BURLINGTON'S MOST DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN, PRESIDENT OF THE CARTER INDUSTRIAL BANK, COULD BE GUILTY OF SUCH AN ATROCIOUS CRIME! AND *YET*... ALL THE EVIDENCE POINTS TO HIS GUILT!
HARRY! MY BROTHER! HE *DIDN'T* DO IT! HE DIDN'T! *HE DIDN'T!*
"BUT HERE IS THE STRANGE STORY AS HE TELLS IT! YOU LISTEN TO IT... THEN JUDGE, IF YOU CAN! HARRY CARTER WAS ALONE IN HIS OFFICE IN THE BANK EARLY THIS AFTERNOON! ON HIS DESK WAS ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS IN CASH, ALL IN SMALL BILLS!"
THE RAFFLE FOR THE HEART-FUND CAR WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL! WE WENT 'WAY OVER OUR QUOTA THIS YEAR, AND THE MONEY WILL BE A GREAT CONTRIBUTION TO THE FIGHT AGAINST HEART DISEASE! NOW I'LL PUT IT IN MY PERSONAL VAULT... AND TURN IT OVER TO THE COMMITTEE TOMORROW MORNING!
"THEN, SO HARRY CARTER CLAIMS, HIS OFFICE DOOR OPENED... AND HE LOOKED UP ANGRILY AT THE INTRUSION!"
I GAVE DISTINCT ORDERS NOT TO BE DISTURBED! *WHA... SAY! WHO ARE YOU, ANYWAY?*
NEVER MIND WHO I AM, MR. CARTER! JUST GIVE ME THAT MONEY... AND *SHUT UP!*
WHAT? ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND? YOU'LL NEVER GET AWAY WITH THIS!
SO YOU'RE GOING TO BE DIFFICULT! VERY WELL... I'LL HANDLE THIS *DIFFERENTLY!*
"THE INTRUDER, SAYS CARTER, WAS A BIG MAN... AMAZINGLY STRONG! HE SWUNG HIS ARM, CATCHING CARTER IN THE BACK OF THE NECK! THE BANKER FELL FORWARD, STRIKING HIS HEAD ON THE DESK!"
OUT OF MY WAY, CARTER!
NO! DON'T! OHHHHH!

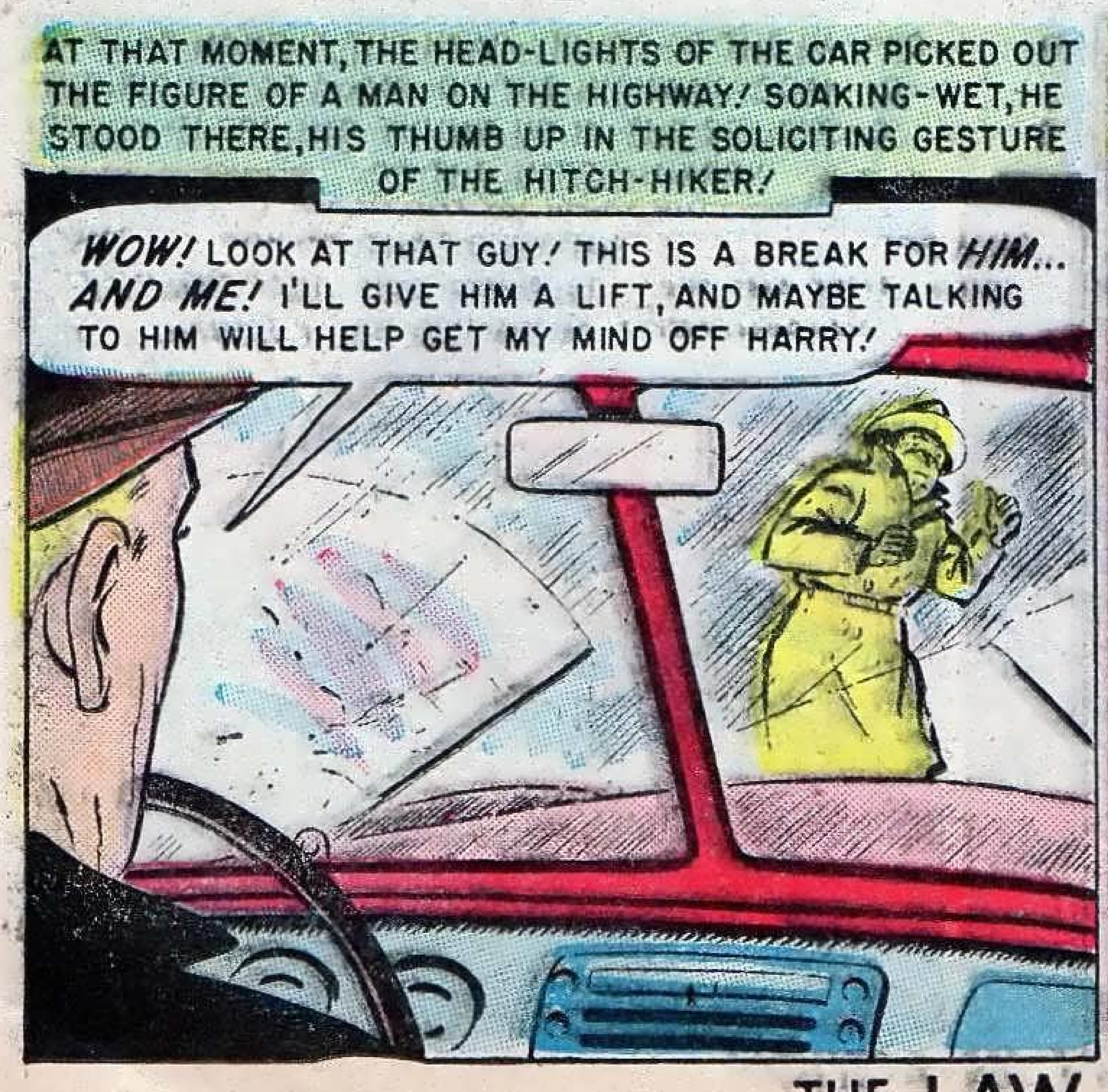

"FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER, A CLERK WENT INTO CARTER'S OFFICE AND FOUND HIM LYING THERE! THE MONEY, EVERY PENNY OF THE HEART FUND, WAS GONE! BUT HERE IS THE AMAZING THING ABOUT ALL THIS, FOLKS! HERE IS WHAT MAKES HARRY CARTER'S STORY SO STRANGE... NO ONE ELSE SAW THE MYSTERIOUS ROBBER!"
THE OUTER OFFICE IS SMALL! I SEE WHOEVER COMES IN... AND I DIDN'T SEE HIM!
MY DESK IS JUST OUTSIDE MR. CARTER'S DOOR! I SAW NO ONE ENTER OR LEAVE!
NO... I DIDN'T SEE HIM, EITHER! I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS!
PORTER

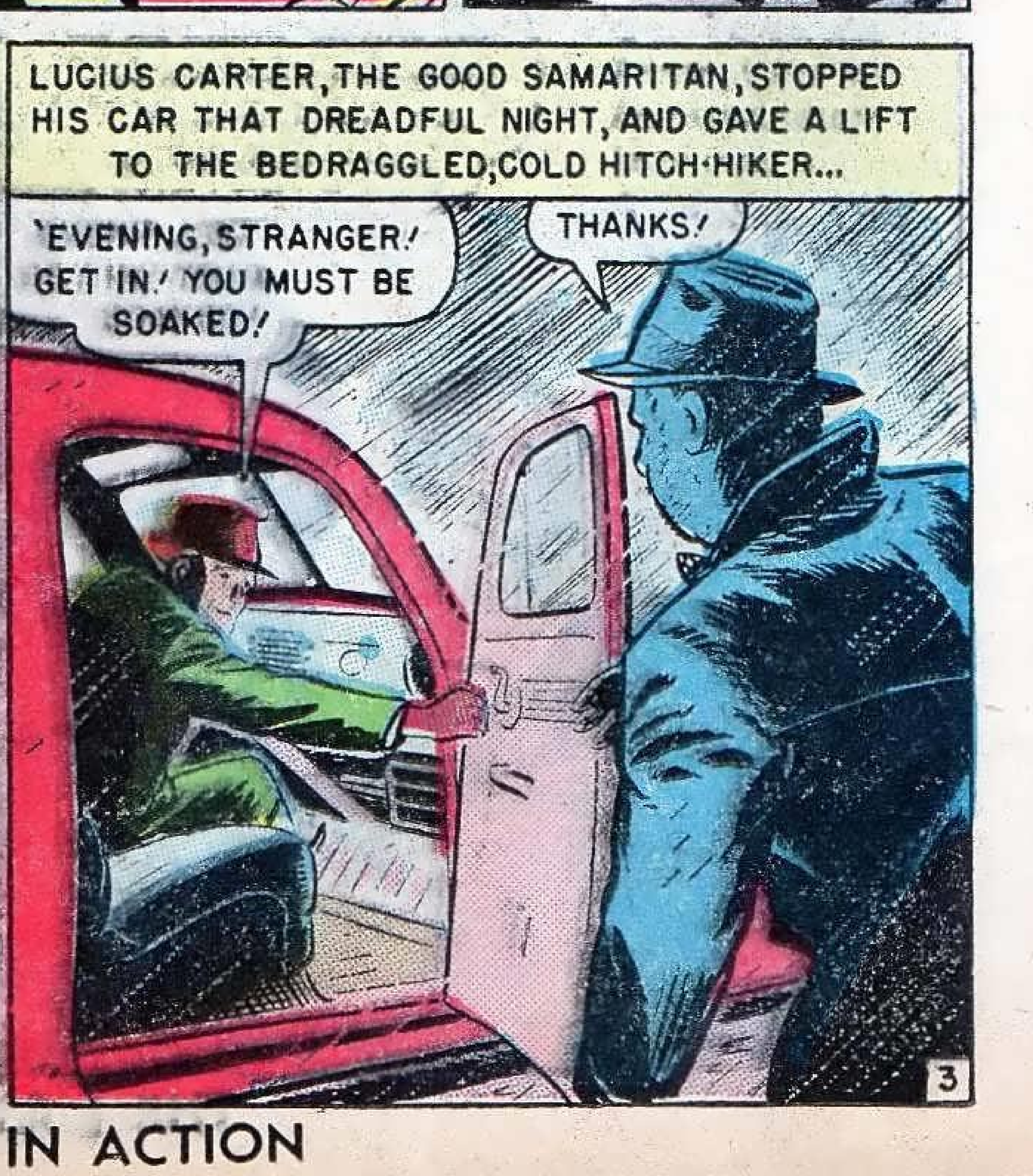

"AND HERE IS A STATEMENT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE COLLINS, WHO HAS BEEN CONDUCTING THE INVESTIGATION OF THIS PECULIAR CASE..."
THE FACTS AS WE KNOW THEM, LEAD THE POLICE TO BELIEVE THAT HARRY CARTER ROBBED THE MONEY AND THEN FELL AGAINST THE DESK TO INJURE HIMSELF AND MAKE IT SEEM THAT HE WAS A VICTIM! THEN HE CREATED THIS FICTITIOUS ROBBER... WHOM NO ONE ELSE SAW! FURTHERMORE, HE CANNOT GIVE ANY KIND OF DESCRIPTION OF THIS STRANGER, OTHER THAN THAT HE WAS A BIG, STRONG MAN!
WCZ


"BUT HERE IS A REALLY ODD TWIST, FOLKS! CARTER'S INJURY IS VERY SERIOUS! HE HAS HAD A RELAPSE... AND IS AT DEATH'S DOOR IN GENERAL HOSPITAL! A VERY HIGH PRICE INDEED TO PAY FOR EVEN SO MUCH OF A FORTUNE!"
WE NOTIFIED HIS BROTHER! HE'S DRIVING HERE NOW!
HE MAY GET HERE TOO LATE, I'M AFRAID!

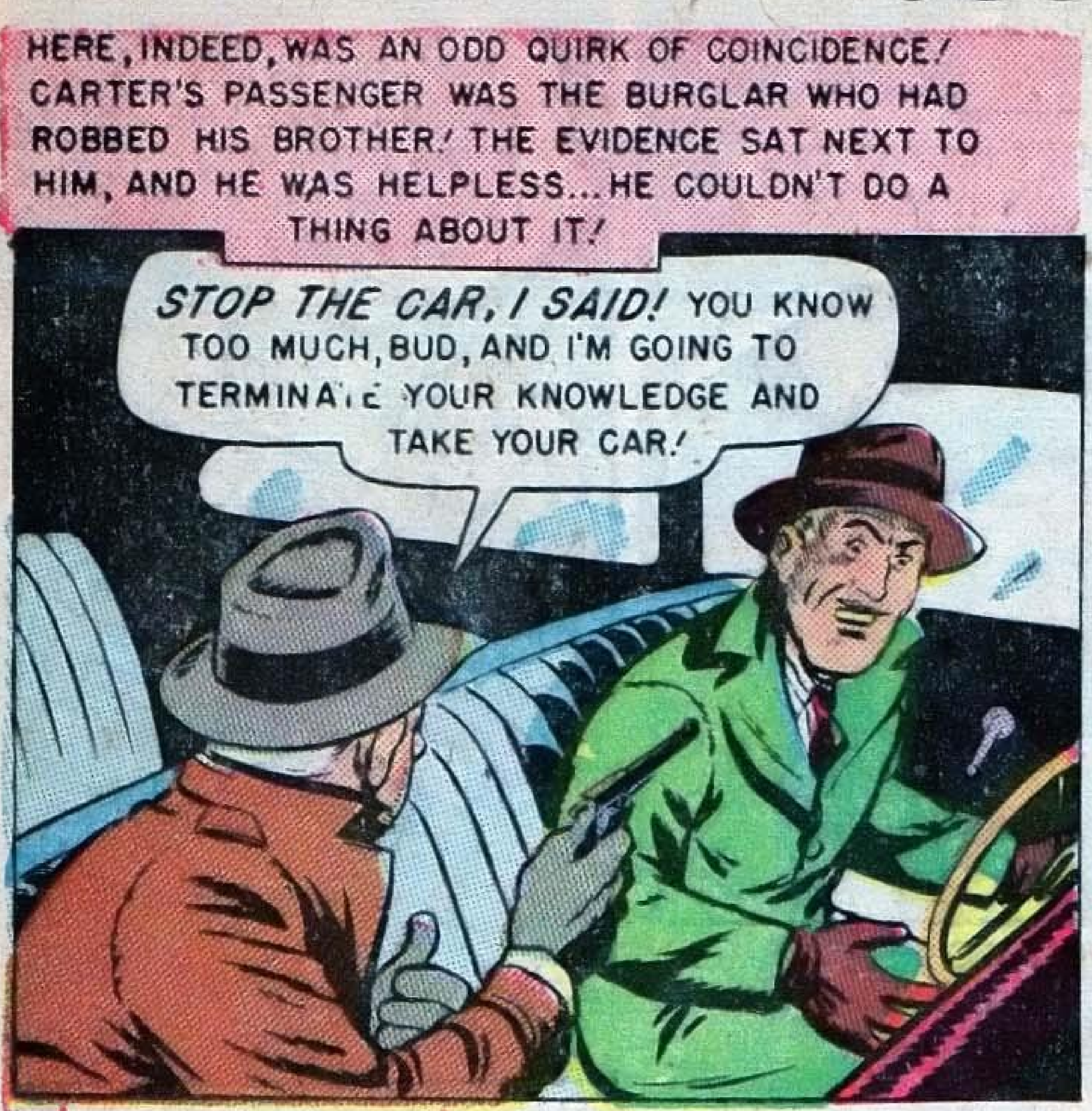

YES... IT SEEMS THAT THIS IS ONE 'PERFECT CRIME' THAT BACK-FIRED! STAY TUNED TO WCZ, FOLKS... FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS UNCANNY, DRAMATIC...
THAT'S ENOUGH! THEY'RE WRONG! WRONG! HARRY WOULDN'T DO A THING LIKE THAT! HE COULDN'T!
CLICK!

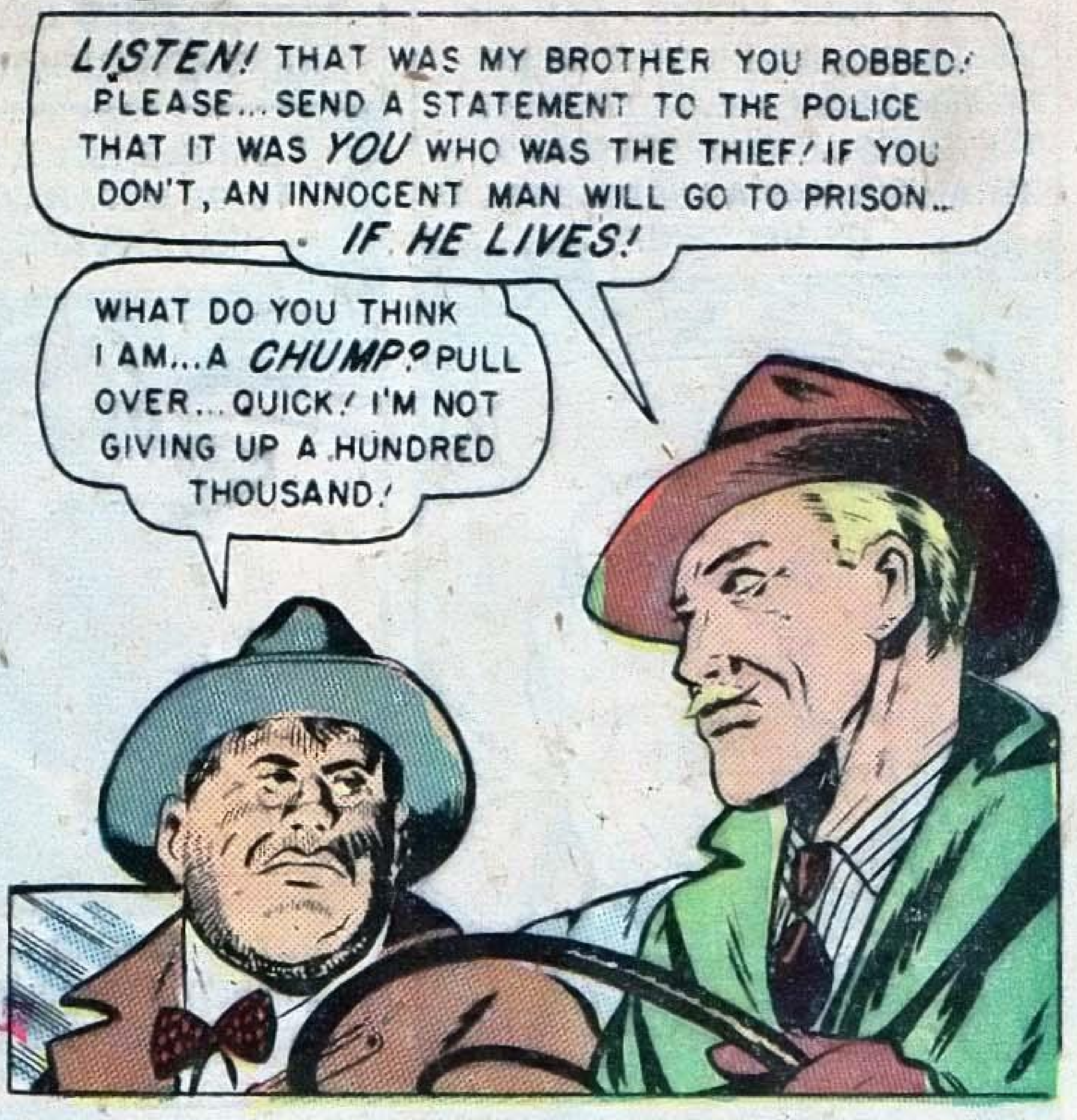

I STILL CAN'T GET MY MIND OFF IT... AND I'VE GOT A TWO-HOUR DRIVE BEFORE I GET TO THE HOSPITAL! OH! I'LL GO OUT OF MY MIND THINKING ABOUT IT!

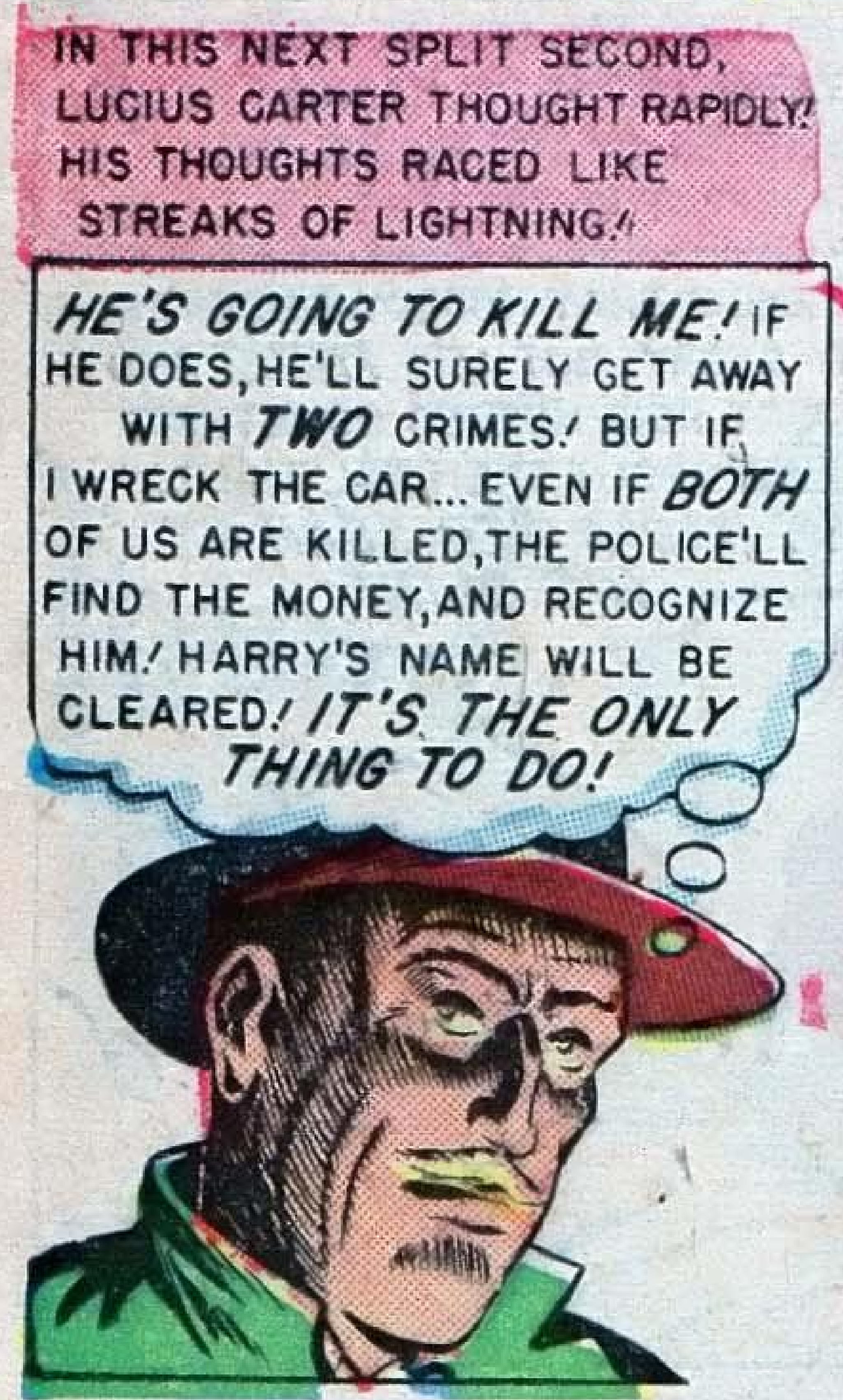

AT THAT MOMENT, THE HEAD-LIGHTS OF THE CAR PICKED OUT THE FIGURE OF A MAN ON THE HIGHWAY! SOAKING-WET, HE STOOD THERE, HIS THUMB UP IN THE SOLICITING GESTURE OF THE HITCH-HIKER!
WOW! LOOK AT THAT GUY! THIS IS A BREAK FOR HIM... AND ME! I'LL GIVE HIM A LIFT, AND MAYBE TALKING TO HIM WILL HELP GET MY MIND OFF HARRY!

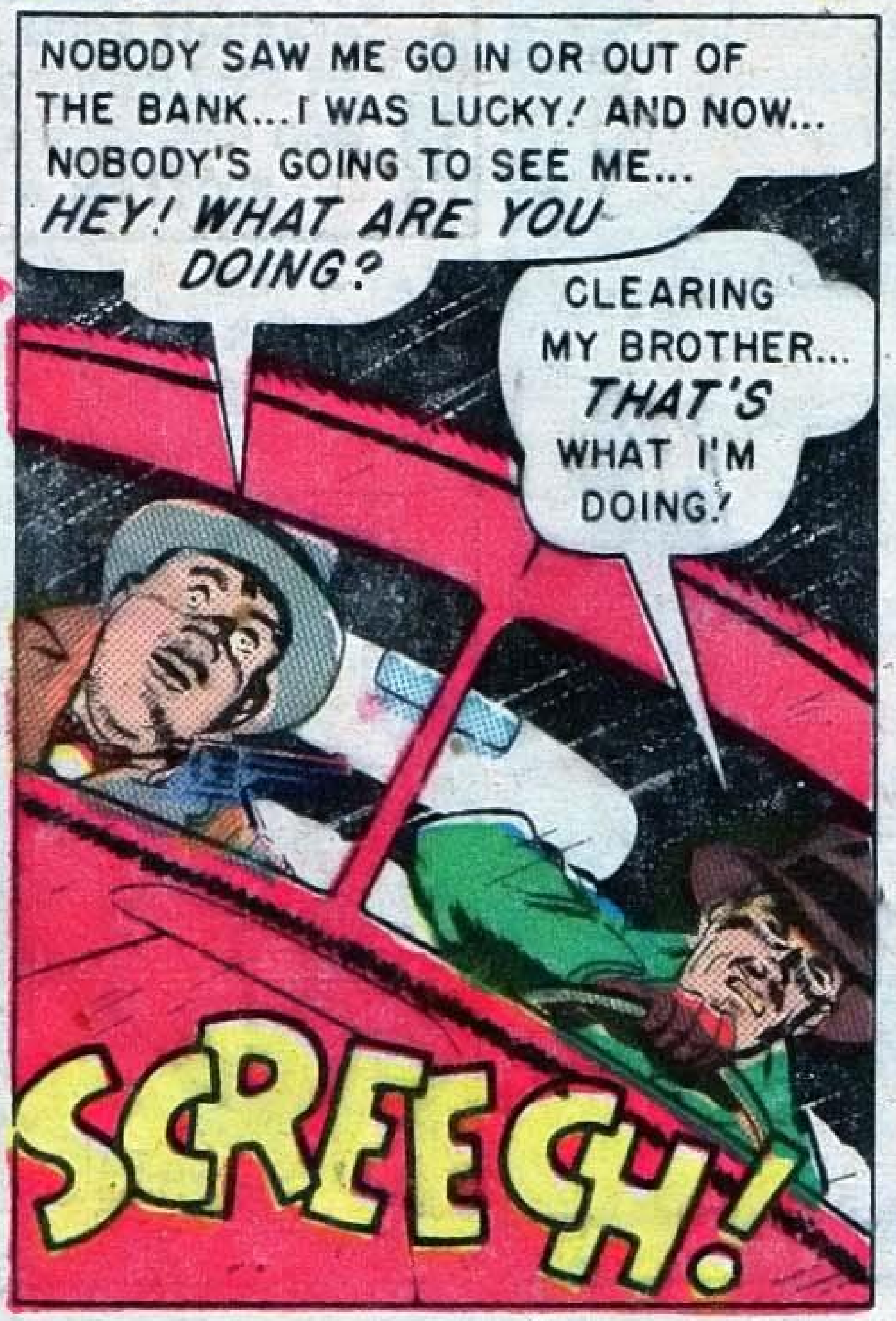

LUCIUS CARTER, THE GOOD SAMARITAN, STOPPED HIS CAR THAT DREADFUL NIGHT, AND GAVE A LIFT TO THE BEDRAGGLED, COLD HITCH-HIKER...
'EVENING, STRANGER! GET IN! YOU MUST BE SOAKED!
THANKS!

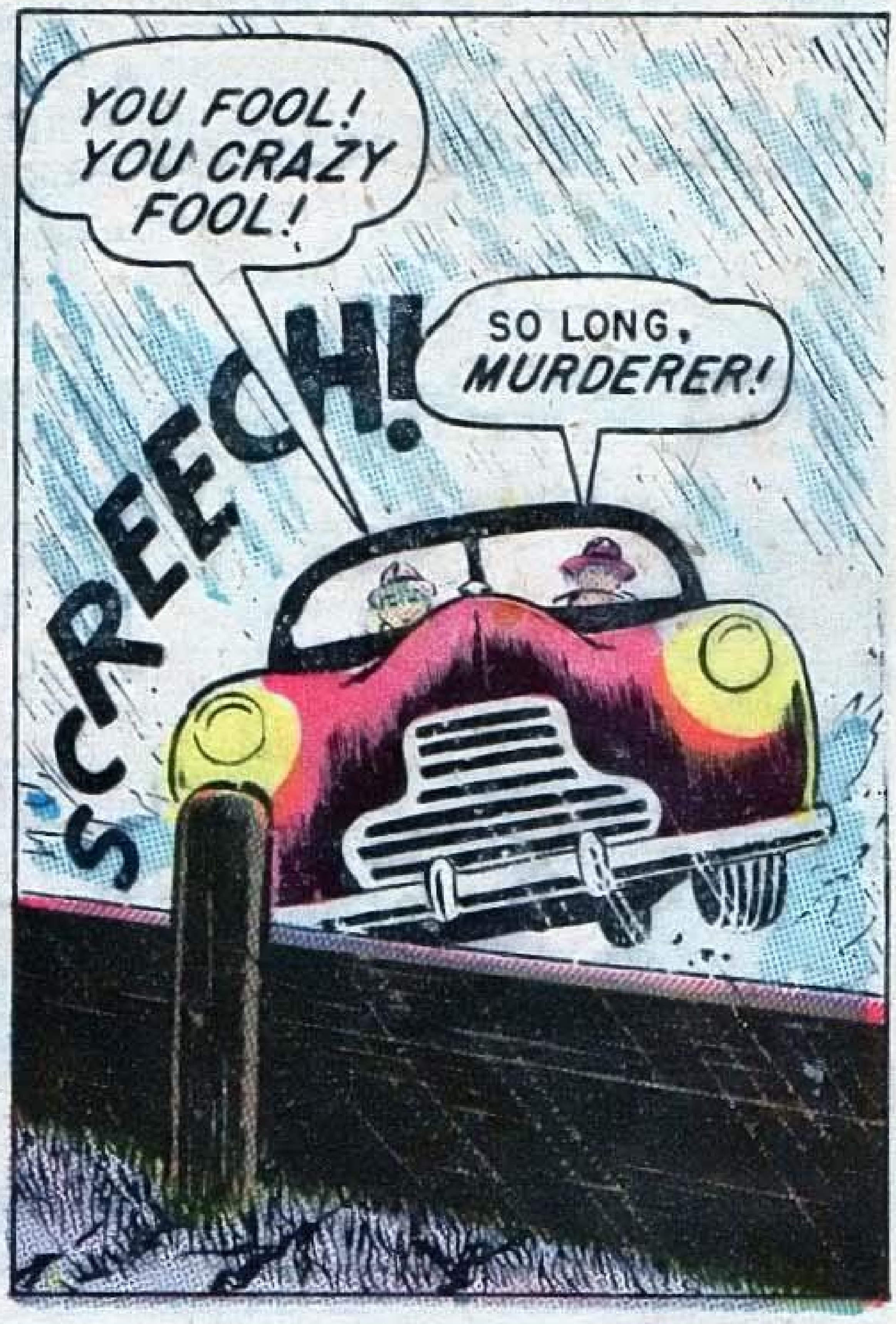
...BY THE PALE LIGHTS FROM THE DASHBOARD, LUCIUS STUDIED HIS PASSENGER'S FACE, AND NOTICED ONE THING... THE BEDRAGGLED STRANGER HAD A LIVID RED SCAR ON HIS CHIN!
CARTER TRIED HARD TO MAKE CONVERSATION...
TERRIBLE NIGHT, ISN'T IT? BAD TIME TO BE OUT! HAVE CAR TROUBLE? HOW FAR ARE YOU GOING?
BUT IT WAS NO GOOD! THE STRANGER STARED STRAIGHT AHEAD, HIS MOUTH CLAMPED INTO A RIGID, STRAIGHT LINE!
HMM... GUESS HE DOESN'T FEEL LIKE BEING SOCIABLE! I'LL TURN THE RADIO ON AGAIN!
FOLKS, HERE'S A FLASH! HARRY CARTER REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS A FEW MINUTES AGO, AND IS GAINING IN HIS FIGHT FOR LIFE!
THANK HEAVEN! HANG ON, HARRY! YOU'LL BE CLEARED... SOMEHOW!
"STRAIGHT FROM HIS HOSPITAL BED, WE BRING YOU AN EXCLUSIVE STATEMENT FROM HARRY CARTER, WHO HAS BEEN CHARGED BY THE POLICE WITH PLOTTING A 'PERFECT ROBBERY'!"
SAY A FEW WORDS FOR OUR RADIO AUDIENCE, MR. CARTER!
I KNOW THAT NOBODY BELIEVES MY STORY...BUT IT'S TRUE! AND I JUST REMEMBERED SOMETHING ELSE ABOUT THE REAL THIEF... HE HAD A RED SCAR ON HIS CHIN!
WELL, FOLKS, THAT'S IT! ACCORDING TO THE POLICE, CARTER IS LYING... BUT IF YOU DO SEE A BIG MAN WITH A LONG RED SCAR ON HIS CHIN, REPORT HIM TO THE POLICE! THERE'S A CHANCE THAT CARTER MAY BE TELLING THE TRUTH!
SHUT OFF THAT RADIO AND STOP THE CAR!

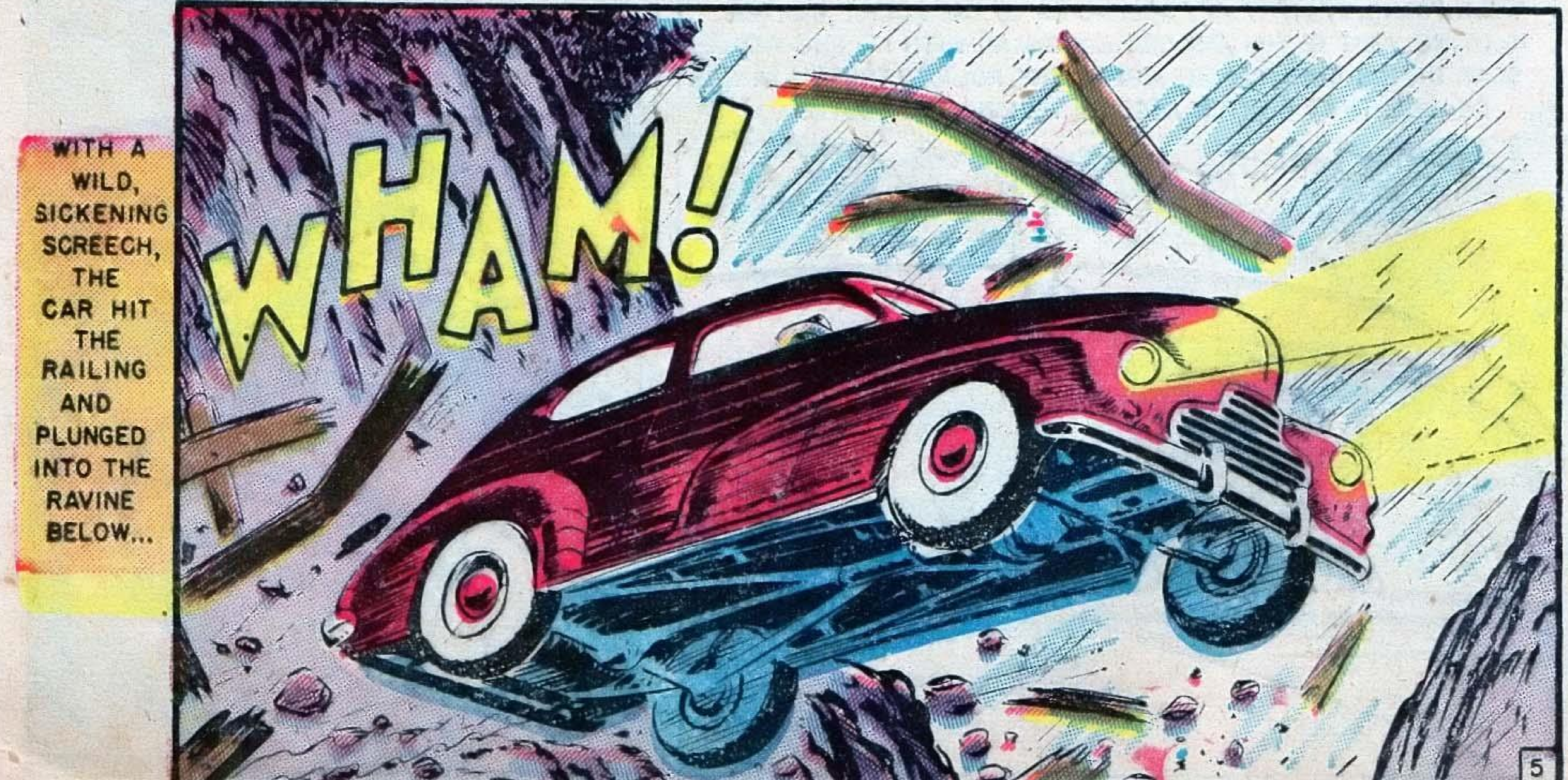

HERE, INDEED, WAS AN ODD QUIRK OF COINCIDENCE! CARTER'S PASSENGER WAS THE BURGLAR WHO HAD ROBBED HIS BROTHER! THE EVIDENCE SAT NEXT TO HIM, AND HE WAS HELPLESS... HE COULDN'T DO A THING ABOUT IT!
STOP THE CAR, I SAID! YOU KNOW TOO MUCH, BUD, AND I'M GOING TO TERMINATE YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND TAKE YOUR CAR!


LISTEN! THAT WAS MY BROTHER YOU ROBBED! PLEASE... SEND A STATEMENT TO THE POLICE THAT IT WAS YOU WHO WAS THE THIEF! IF YOU DON'T, AN INNOCENT MAN WILL GO TO PRISON... IF HE LIVES!
WHAT DO YOU THINK I AM... A CHUMP? PULL OVER... QUICK! I'M NOT GIVING UP A HUNDRED THOUSAND!


IN THIS NEXT SPLIT SECOND, LUCIUS CARTER THOUGHT RAPIDLY! HIS THOUGHTS RACED LIKE STREAKS OF LIGHTNING!
HE'S GOING TO KILL ME! IF HE DOES, HE'LL SURELY GET AWAY WITH TWO CRIMES! BUT IF I WRECK THE CAR... EVEN IF BOTH OF US ARE KILLED, THE POLICE'LL FIND THE MONEY, AND RECOGNIZE HIM! HARRY'S NAME WILL BE CLEARED! IT'S THE ONLY THING TO DO!


NOBODY SAW ME GO IN OR OUT OF THE BANK... I WAS LUCKY! AND NOW... NOBODY'S GOING TO SEE ME... HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
CLEARING MY BROTHER... THAT'S WHAT I'M DOING!
SCREECH!


YOU FOOL! YOU CRAZY FOOL!
SO LONG, MURDERER!
SCREECH!


WITH A WILD, SICKENING SCREECH, THE CAR HIT THE RAILING AND PLUNGED INTO THE RAVINE BELOW...
WHAM!

...AND ONLY THE RAIN WAS WITNESS TO THE CRASH THAT FOLLOWED, AS THE CAR LANDED WITH A GIGANTIC THUD!
CRASH!
FOR A FEW MINUTES ALL WAS STILL! NO SIGNS OF LIFE CAME FROM THE CAR! THEN... THERE WAS A STIR! SOMEONE TRIED TO GET OUT OF THE WRECK! ONE OF THE MEN HAD SURVIVED THE CRASH! ONE DID STILL LIVE! WHO WAS IT.. CARTER OR THE MURDERER? HAD ALL OF LUCIUS CARTER'S DESPERATE BRAVERY GONE TO WASTE?
THEN HIS FACE LIFTED TO THE SKY IN SILENT PRAYER, AS THE RAIN RAN DOWN HIS FACE LIKE TEARS! IT WAS LUCIUS CARTER!
OH, THANK HEAVEN! THANK HEAVEN! I'M STILL ALIVE... AND I CAN CLEAR HARRY!
YES, CARTER MIRACULOUSLY ESCAPED SERIOUS INJURY... AND HE WALKED TO THE NEAREST FARMHOUSE TO CALL THE POLICE! WHEN THEY ARRIVED...
IT'S ALL HERE... ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS! HE'S THE ROBBER, ALL RIGHT... YOUR BROTHER WAS TELLING THE TRUTH!
OF COURSE HE WAS! TAKE ME TO HIM... QUICKLY!
AT THE HOSPITAL, HARRY CARTER'S EYES LIT UP, AS HE HEARD THE STORY FROM HIS BROTHER'S LIPS!
I TOLD YOU! I WAS RIGHT! OH, THANK YOU, LUCIUS! THANK YOU!
COME ALONG, MR. CARTER! LET YOUR BROTHER REST NOW!
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THERE IS SOMETHING YOU SHOULD KNOW, SIR! IF YOU HADN'T COME IN WITH THAT GOOD NEWS, YOUR BROTHER MIGHT NOT HAVE LIVED! HE HAD NO WILL TO KEEP ON GOING WITH THAT DISGRACE HANGING OVER HIS HEAD!
LUCK WAS ON MY SIDE, DOCTOR!
YES, LUCK WAS ON THE SIDE OF THE CARTER BROTHERS! BUT MORE THAN THAT... BRAVERY, AND THE WILL TO SACRIFICE HIS LIFE FOR HIS BROTHER'S HONOR HELPED LUCIUS BRING SWIFT JUSTICE AND PUNISHMENT TO A BRUTAL WOULD-BE MURDERER!
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HI FRIENDS:

Lately there has been quite a debate about comics raging in the pages of the Saturday Review of Literature, one of America's most respected magazines. In an article, a Dr. Wertham discussed the problem of juvenile delinquency in America today, and pinned the blame for some of these cases on comic magazines, simply because many of the delinquent youngsters had read comics.

93% of all young people (from 8 to 16 years of age) read comics. Naturally a few young people get into some kind of trouble . . . so do a lot of older ones . . . and of course many of the kids who get into trouble do read comics. But what the article does not state is the fact that 93% of the boys and girls who get into *no trouble at all* also read comics.

Let us quote a letter from David Pace Wigransky, a 14 year old reader of comics, published in the July 24th issue of the Saturday Review:

". . . In none of these cases was it proved that reading comic books was the cause of the delinquency. A good many of the delinquents mentioned happened to be readers of comic magazines, just as are 69,999,975 perfectly healthy, happy, normal American boys and girls, men and women, who also read comics.

". . . It appears that his [Dr. Wertham's] $64 question to a child being psychoanalyzed is, 'Do you read COMIC BOOKS, my little man?' Of course the juvenile delinquent, *being a normal child in at least that way,* will answer 'Yes'."

In other words, the case is just as we stated it above. Since almost all kids of any kind read comics, naturally some of the delinquents read comics too. But since the same percentage holds true among the millions of youngsters who have committed *no offense at all,* why not give the comics credit for the good influence they have been on these millions of healthy, normal kids, instead of just blaming them for our handful of delinquents?

Once again let us remind you to show our magazines, or any of the other *good* comics, to people who criticize this form of entertainment. Show those people that your favorite magazines are not harmful. Let them see Dr. Thompson's endorsement on the first page of every one of our magazines, and prove to one and all that the comics you buy and read are *good for you.*

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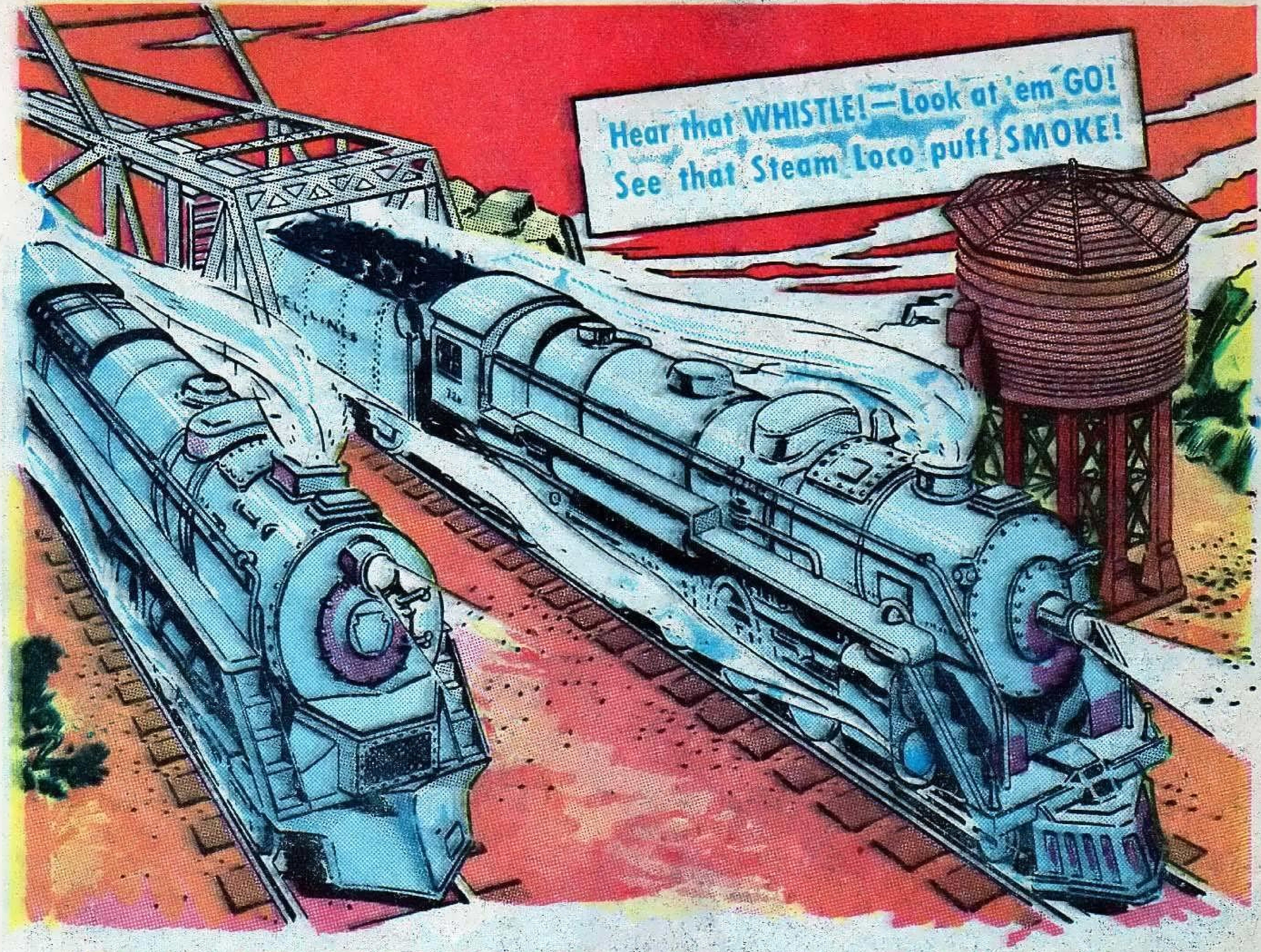
Hear that WHISTLE!—Look at 'em GO!
See that Steam Loco puff SMOKE!
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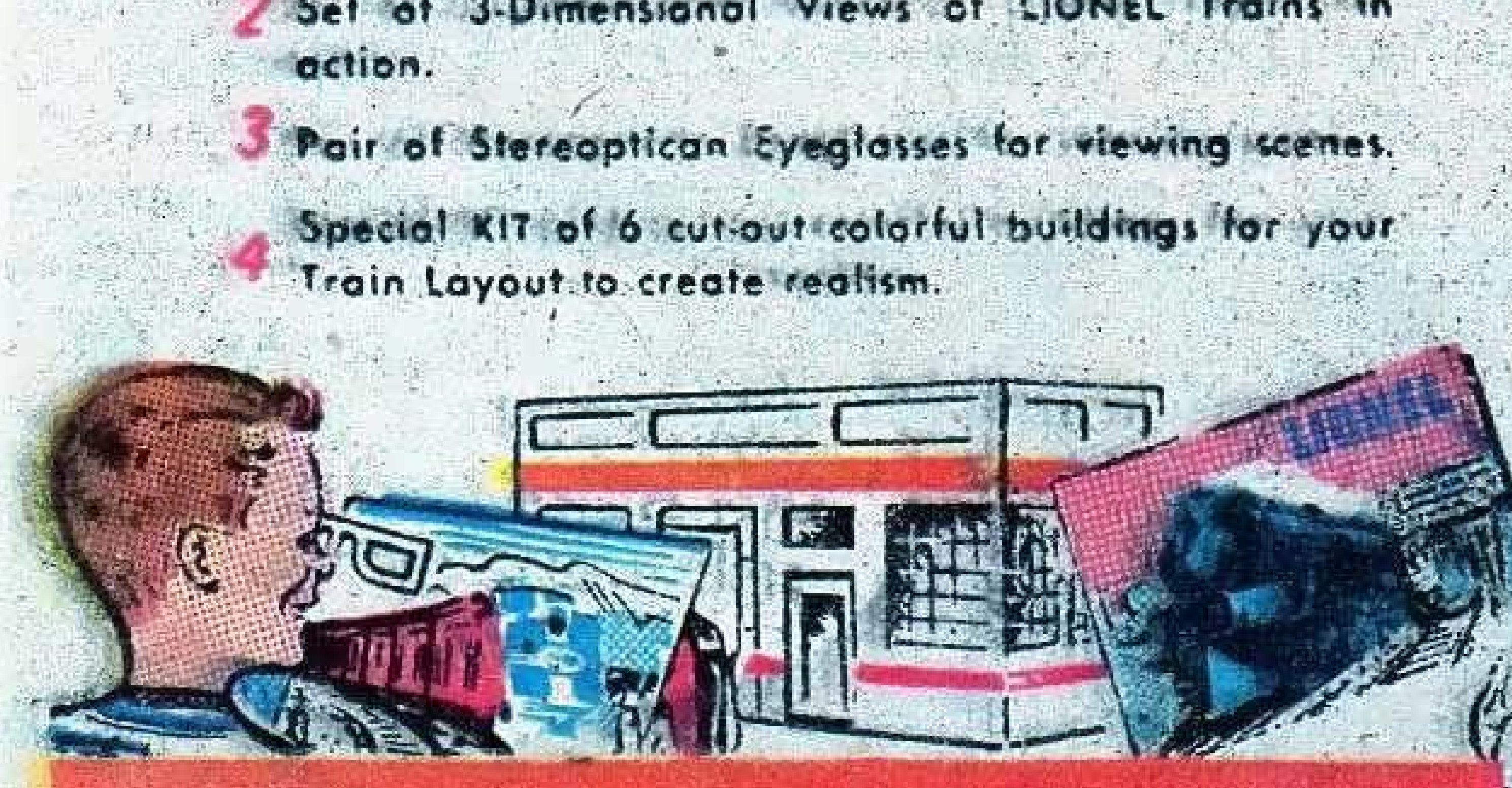

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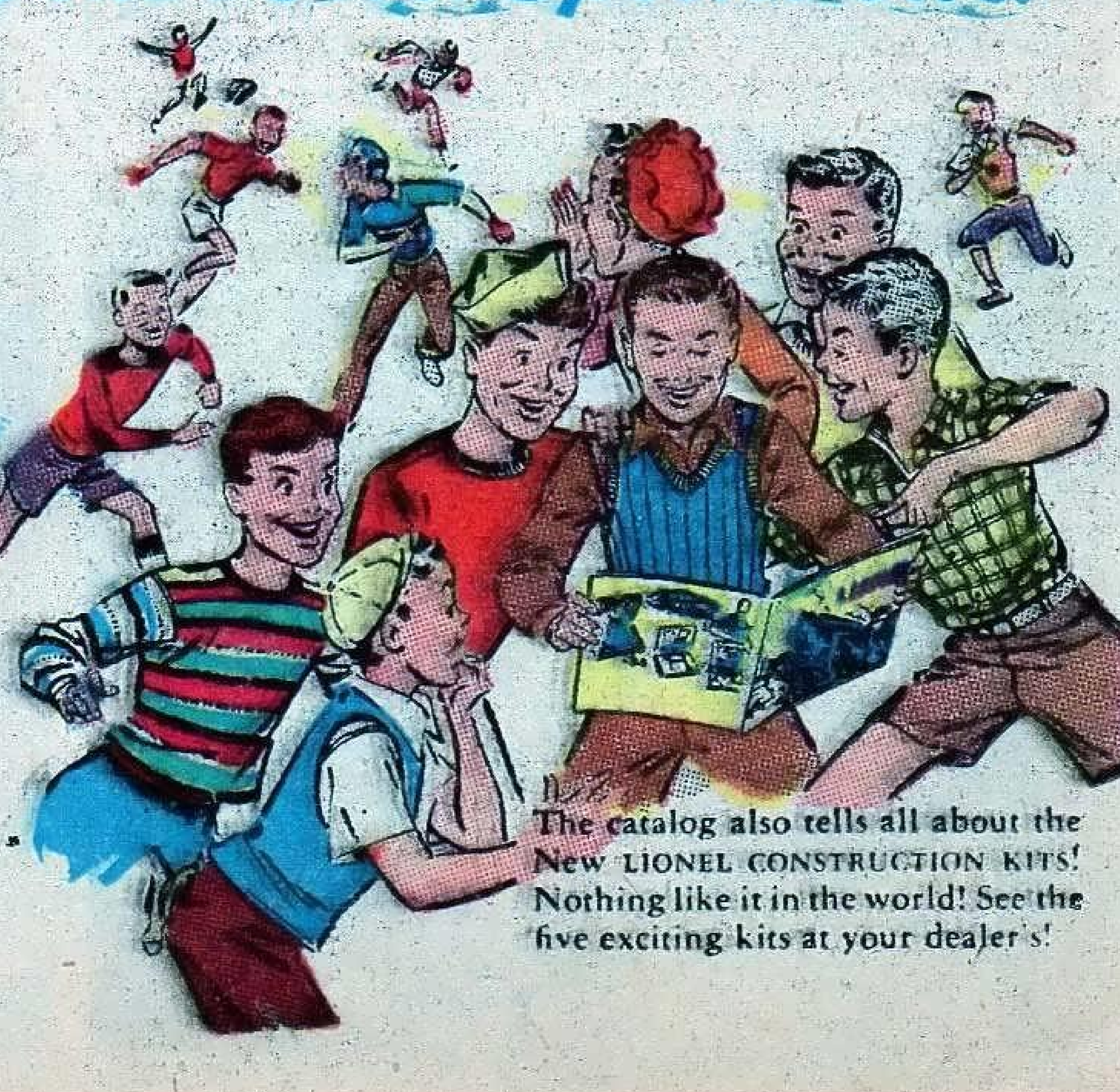

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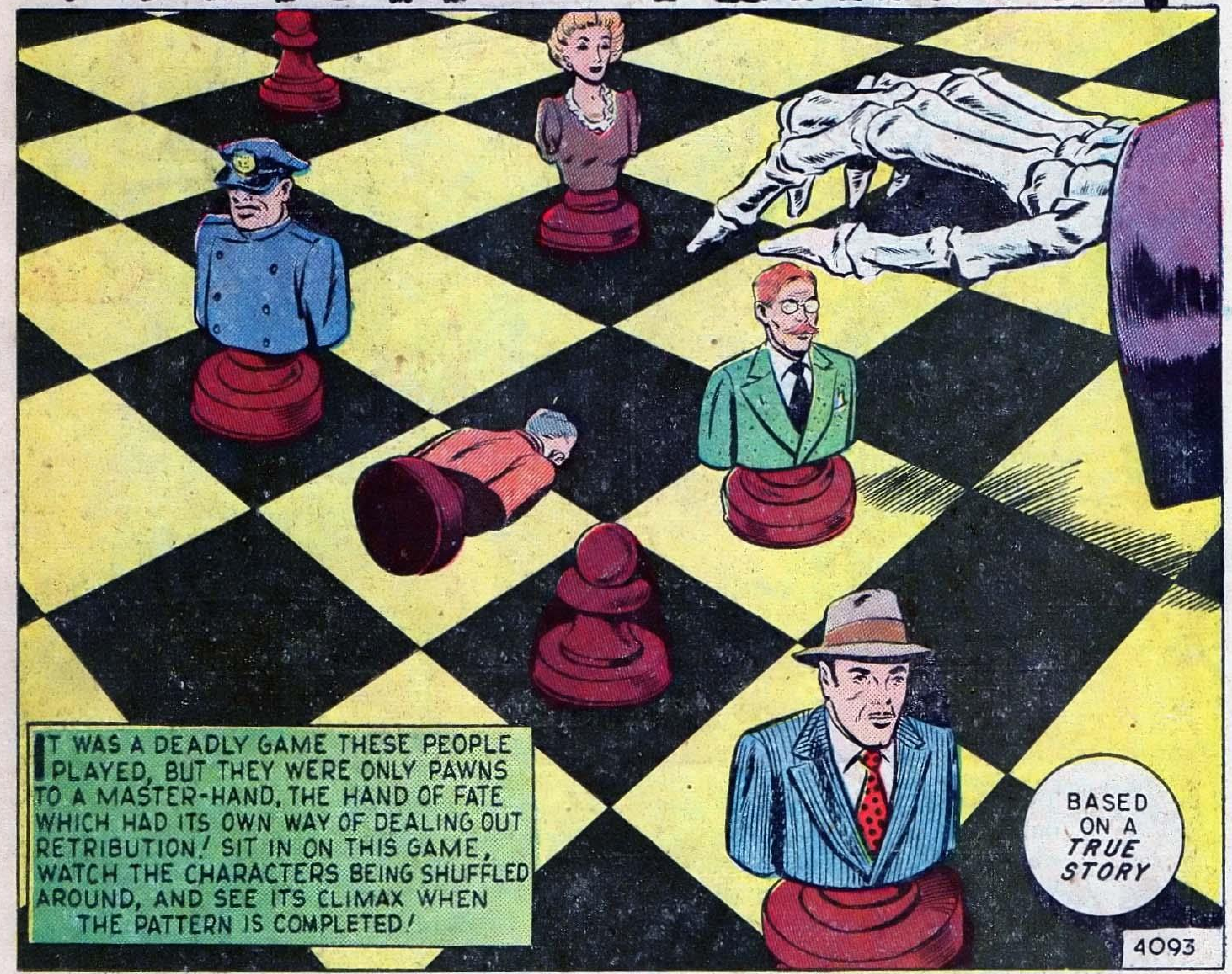
IT WAS A DEADLY GAME THESE PEOPLE PLAYED, BUT THEY WERE ONLY PAWNS TO A MASTER-HAND, THE HAND OF FATE WHICH HAD ITS OWN WAY OF DEALING OUT RETRIBUTION! SIT IN ON THIS GAME, WATCH THE CHARACTERS BEING SHUFFLED AROUND, AND SEE ITS CLIMAX WHEN THE PATTERN IS COMPLETED!
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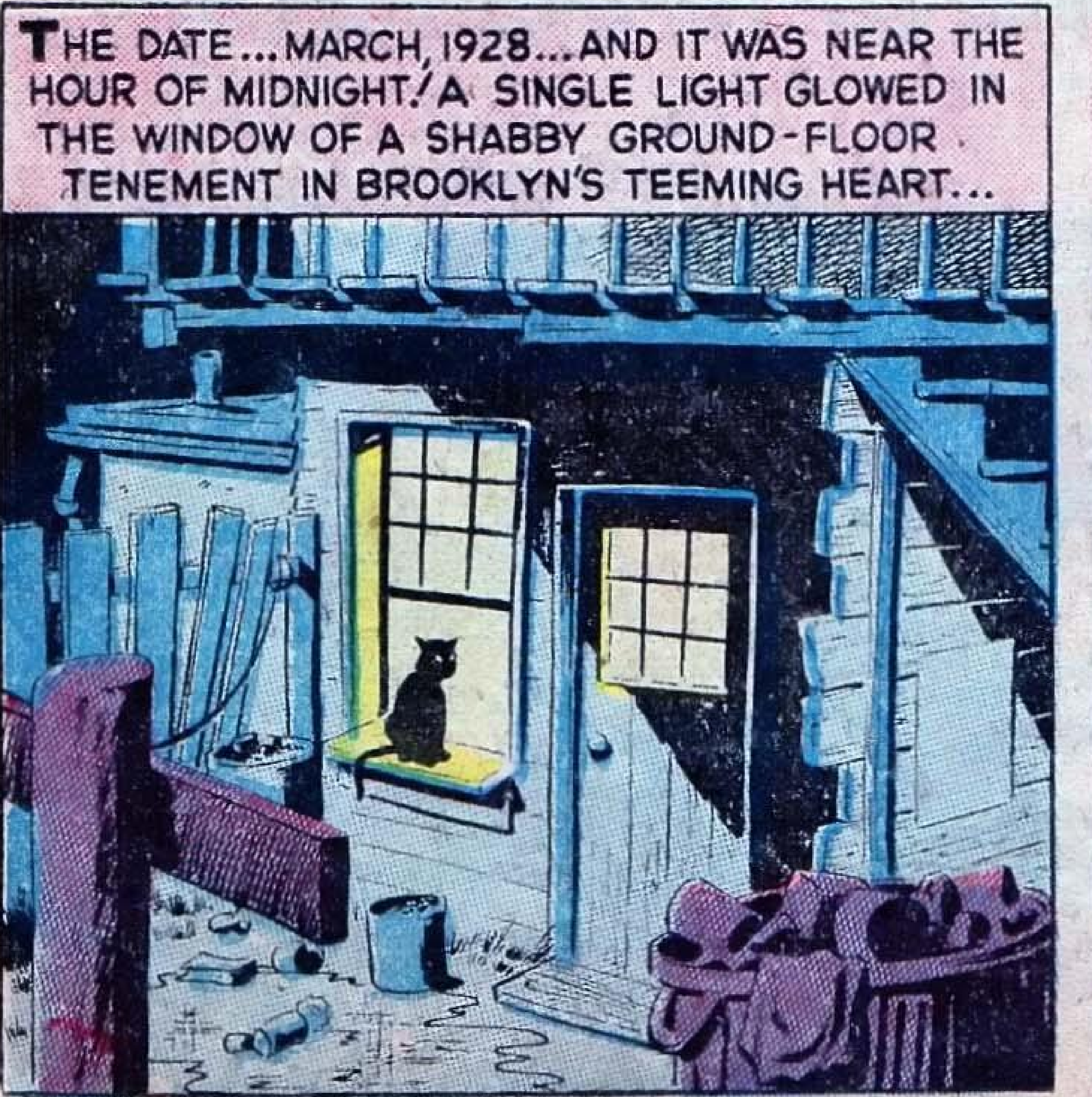
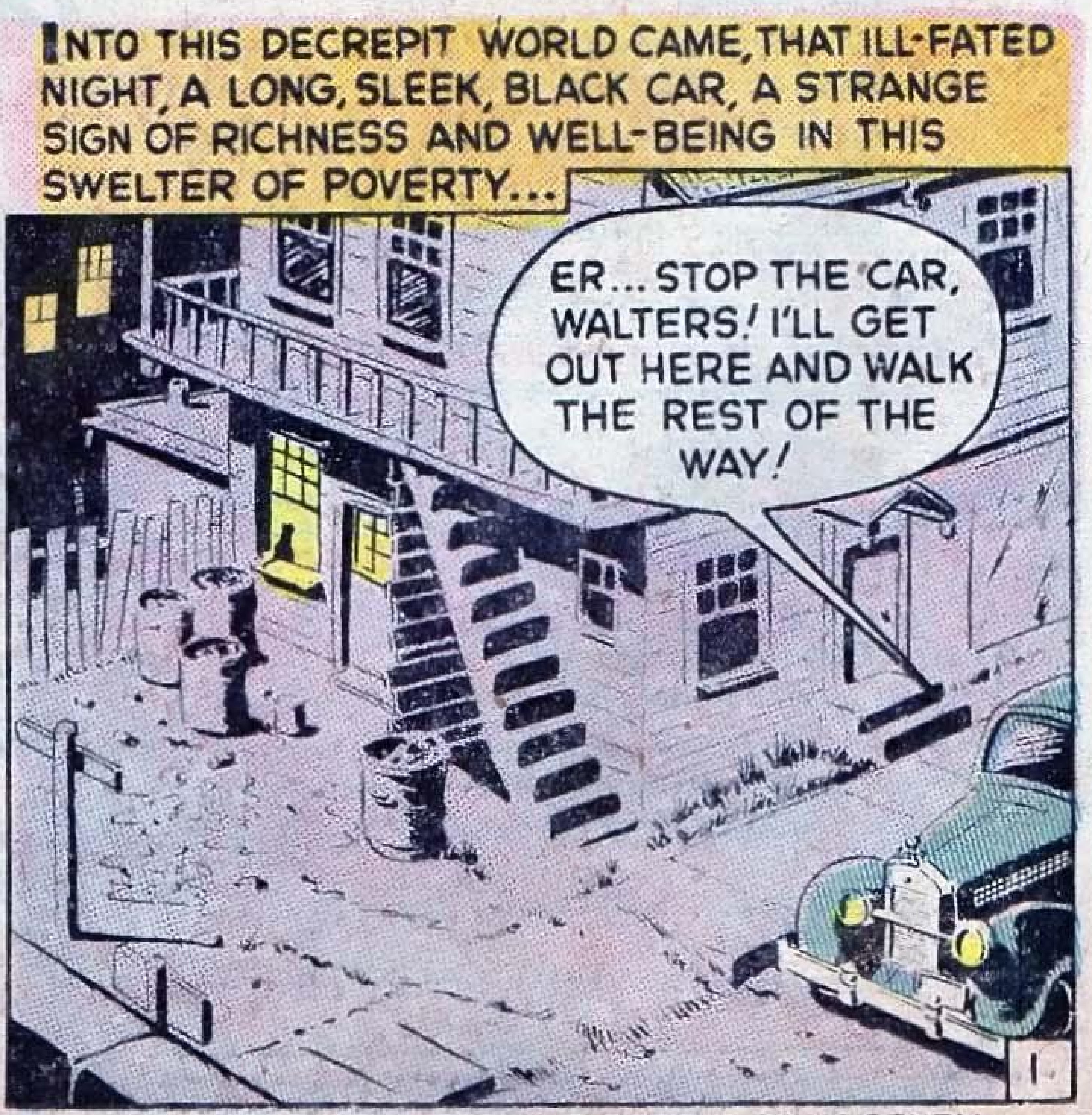

THE DATE... MARCH, 1928... AND IT WAS NEAR THE HOUR OF MIDNIGHT! A SINGLE LIGHT GLOWED IN THE WINDOW OF A SHABBY GROUND-FLOOR TENEMENT IN BROOKLYN'S TEEMING HEART...


INTO THIS DECREPIT WORLD CAME, THAT ILL-FATED NIGHT, A LONG, SLEEK, BLACK CAR, A STRANGE SIGN OF RICHNESS AND WELL-BEING IN THIS SWELTER OF POVERTY...
ER... STOP THE CAR, WALTERS! I'LL GET OUT HERE AND WALK THE REST OF THE WAY!
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ANY SIMILARITY BETWEEN ACTUAL PERSONS OR PLACES AND THOSE USED IN THIS STORY IS PURELY COINCIDENTAL

IN THE REAR SEAT WAS A MAN, VERY PROMINENT IN THE BUSINESS AND CIVIC WORLD OF HIS TIME! BUT YOU WOULD NOT THINK IT TO LOOK AT HIM... FOR HE WAS PLUNGED INTO THE DEPTHS OF DESPAIR AND NERVOUSNESS...
WAIT HERE, WALTERS! I'LL SEE HIM ALONE!
DON'T YOU THINK I'D BETTER GO WITH YOU, SIR ...JUST IN CASE?
NO! THIS IS SOMETHING I MUST DO MYSELF! NO ONE CAN HELP ME NOW!
YES, MR. CHILDS!
PULLING UP HIS COLLAR TO HIDE HIS FACE AGAINST THE BRISK MARCH WIND, AND ANY STRAY OBSERVER, STANLEY CHILDS, MAN OF WEALTH AND DISTINCTION WALKED TOWARD THE DOOR OF THE TENEMENT...
NO! NO ONE ELSE, CAN HELP ME NOW! I MUST FACE IT ALONE!
A FURTIVE KNOCK ON THE DOOR, AND...
I'M HERE!
SO I SEE! COME IN! WE'LL GET THIS OVER WITH IN VERY SHORT ORDER!
THEN THE DOOR CLOSED... AND THE ONLY SOUND HEARD WAS THAT OF THE MUFFLED ROAR OF THE WIND, AS IT SWIRLED THROUGH THE BLEAK STREETS!
IT WAS FIVE MINUTES LATER, WHEN THE DOOR WAS OPENED WITH A VIOLENCE THAT MATCHED THE STORM... STANLEY CHILDS BOLTED OUT!
THAT CHEAP NO-GOOD! I TOOK CARE OF HIM!

INSTEAD OF GOING TOWARD HIS WAITING CAR, HE TURNED RIGHT...AND PLUNGED INTO THE NIGHT!
WHA...MR. CHILDS!
HERE'S THE CAR, SIR! THIS WAY!
BUT CHILDS PAYED NO HEED TO THE CRIES OF WALTERS, HIS CHAUFFEUR, AND BLINDLY STUMBLED ON!
IN A LITTLE WHILE, ALL WAS QUIET AGAIN! NOT A SOUND CAME OUT OF THE HOUSE CHILDS HAD LEFT SO HURRIEDLY, AND THE PATTERN OF LIFE AND DEATH WENT ON ONCE MORE...
DEAD END
FOR HOURS, STANLEY CHILDS ROAMED THE STREETS...WANDERING AIMLESSLY! DAWN FOUND HIM ON BROOKLYN BRIDGE STARING MOODILY INTO THE MURKY WATERS!
I OUGHT TO JUMP IN...AND GET IT OVER WITH!
AFTER WHAT'S HAPPENED... THAT'S THE ONLY COURSE LEFT FOR ME! WHAT WILL THEY ALL SAY WHEN THEY FIND OUT... MARTHA, MY WIFE... CUNNINGHAM, MY PARTNER? I'M RUINED! THROUGH!
NO! I CAN'T BE A COWARD! I CAN'T ESCAPE MY FATE... WHATEVER IT IS! I'LL GO BACK... AND PAY FOR MY SINS!
HIS DECISION MADE, HE DUG HIS HANDS DEEPLY INTO HIS POCKETS, HUNCHED HIS SHOULDERS, AND WALKED BACK TO FACE...A FATE SO STRANGE, SO UNPREDICTABLE, THAT NO ONE COULD DARE GUESS ITS OUTCOME!

HE RETURNED TO HIS HOME TO FACE THE CURIOSITY OF HIS ANXIOUS AND WORRIED WIFE, MARTHA!
STANLEY! YOU'RE BACK AT LAST! WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN, DARLING? I WAS WORRIED SICK!
MARTHA I'M IN TROUBLE...DESPERATE TROUBLE!
I--I KNOW! I SENSED IT! TELL ME ABOUT IT! I WANT TO KNOW... SO I CAN HELP YOU! TELL ME!
I C--CAN'T, MARTHA! THERE'S NOTHING IN THIS WORLD I'D RATHER DO! BUT THIS IS MY CROSS...I MUST BEAR IT ALONE!
SUDDENLY CHILDS BECAME AWARE OF A FIGURE STANDING AT THE DOOR! HE TURNED WITH A START, AND EXCLAIMED...
WALTERS!
YES, SIR! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, MR. CHILDS?
W--WHY OF COURSE, I AM! UH, WALTERS... I WANT TO SEE YOU IN MY DEN! EXCUSE ME FOR A MOMENT, MARTHA!
OH, STANLEY... I WISH YOU'D TELL ME!
MAYBE I WILL BE ABLE TO...LATER! COME, WALTERS!
YES, SIR!
INSIDE THE PRIVACY OF HIS DEN, CHILDS BECAME INTENSE WITH FURY, AND LEAPED AT THE AMAZED WALTERS!
YOU DIDN'T OPEN YOUR BIG MOUTH... DID YOU WALTERS? DID YOU? ANSWER ME!
S-S-SIR... YOU'RE CH-CHOKING ME!! GIVE ME A CHANCE!
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I DIDN'T TELL ANYONE ABOUT LAST NIGHT, SIR... NOT *ANYONE*! AFTER YOU LEFT, I CAME HERE AND TOLD MRS. CHILDS YOU WERE DELAYED BY A *BUSINESS* APPOINTMENT!
GOOD! GOOD!
...AND KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT, WALTERS, OR I'LL DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT TIME WHEN I CAUGHT YOU TRYING TO ROB ME! YOU'VE GOT A PRISON RECORD, REMEMBER! *ONE* MORE RAP AND YOU'VE GOT A *LIFE-SENTENCE* COMING TO YOU!
YES, SIR!
CHILDS THEN WENT TO BED, TO TRY TO GET SOME REST... BUT HIS SLEEP WAS RESTLESS AND DISTURBED BY NIGHTMARES... AND HE MUMBLED STRANGE WORDS!
I TOLD YOU! *SEE?* YOU CAN'T KEEP THIS UP *FOREVER!* MARTHA... I WISH I *COULD* TELL YOU! *NO!* YOU *CAN'T* DO THAT! IT'LL *RUIN* ME! WALTERS! *SHUT UP!* DON'T TELL... YOU CROOK! *DON'T!* OH! I'M *THROUGH!* SHOULD HAVE *KILLED* MYSELF!
AAAH! WHO'S THAT?
IT'S I, SIR... WALTERS! I BROUGHT YOUR BREAKFAST, AND THE NEWSPAPERS!
OH! THANK YOU! HAVE I BEEN ASLEEP LONG?
EIGHT HOURS, SIR! I'LL TELL MRS. CHILDS YOU'RE AWAKE!
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CARDONI FOUND MURDERED! EX-PARTNER OF FAMED BANKER, STANLEY CHILDS, VICTIM OF UNKNOWN S

CHILDS REACHED FOR HIS CUP OF COFFEE, SETTLED BACK TO TRY TO RELAX, PICKED UP THE PAPER, AND...
NO! NO! GOOD HEAVENS! NO!
YES, MR. CHILDS! AND THERE ARE A FEW QUESTIONS WE WANT TO ASK YOU!
WH-WHAT? WHO ARE YOU? WHAT DO YOU WANT?
I'M INSPECTOR COLLINS! THIS IS DETECTIVE REYNOLDS! WE'VE GOT SOMETHING TO TAKE UP WITH YOU, MR. CHILDS... A QUESTION OF MURDER! YOUR EX-PARTNER WAS STABBED TO DEATH!
OH... STANLEY! STANLEY!
CARDONI... DEAD! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! BUT I DIDN'T DO IT! BELIEVE ME... I DIDN'T KILL HIM!
THEN YOU WON'T MIND ANSWERING OUR QUESTIONS! I UNDERSTAND YOU WERE OUT ALL NIGHT! WHERE WERE YOU?
I-I CAN'T TELL YOU!
STANLEY, YOU MUST! THEY SUSPECT YOU OF KILLING CARDONI! YOU MUST CLEAR YOURSELF! TELL THEM WHERE YOU WERE! TELL THEM, STANLEY!
I CANNOT!
THEN IT IS MY DUTY TO ARREST YOU FOR THE MURDER OF SAMUEL CARDONI, MR. CHILDS! YOUR CAR WAS SEEN IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF THE KILLING... AND YOUR FINGERPRINTS ARE ALL OVER THE MURDER-ROOM!

NO! WAIT! I'LL TELL YOU WHERE I WAS!
GO AHEAD... I'M WAITING!
CARDONI WAS BLACK-MAILING ME! WHEN WE BROKE UP OUR PARTNERSHIP, IT WAS BECAUSE I REFUSED TO GIVE HIM THE RIGHTS TO HIS INVENTION! I KNOW NOW THAT IT WAS A TERRIBLE THING TO DO... BUT I WAS SELFISH THEN, AND HUNGRY FOR POWER!
STANLEY...
"I PAID HIM OFF, BUT HE SOON LOST IT IN TRYING TO PERFECT NEW INVENTIONS! IN A FEW MONTHS HE WAS BANKRUPT AND LIVED IN A TENEMENT... IMPOVERISHED!"
IT'S ALL CHILDS' FAULT! I'LL MAKE HIM PAY FOR MY RUIN!
"THEN HE SENT ME A LETTER..."
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"LAST NIGHT I WENT TO SEE HIM..."
THIS WON'T TAKE LONG! JUST GIVE ME THE MONEY... AND GO!
SAM, I DIDN'T BRING IT! I DON'T INTEND TO PAY YOU!
WHAT? DO YOU WANT TO BE EXPOSED FOR THE CHEAP PHONEY YOU ARE?
I DON'T CARE, SAM! TELL WHOMEVER YOU LIKE! I'M NOT PAYING YOU A CENT!
THEN I LEFT! BUT HE WAS ALIVE THEN... BELIEVE ME! I DIDN'T KILL HIM! I DIDN'T! I DIDN'T!
LOOKS BAD, THOUGH! DID ANYONE SEE YOU LEAVE?

YES! WALTERS! WALTERS... MY SERVANT! HE SAW ME LEAVE!
ARE YOU CALLING ME, SIR?
TELL THEM, WALTERS! TELL THEM YOU SAW ME LEAVE CARDONI'S PLACE LAST NIGHT... THAT YOU WERE THERE WITH ME!
SIR?
GO AHEAD, WALTERS! YOU CAN TELL THEM! THEY THINK I KILLED CARDONI! DIDN'T I LEAVE HIS PLACE IN FIVE MINUTES? DIDN'T I?
YES, YOU DID!
BUT YOU WERE CARRYING A REVOLVER WITH A SILENCER ON IT!
WHAT? WALTERS, YOU'RE LYING... LYING!
NO, I'M NOT! YOU'RE A MURDERER, MR. CHILDS! YOU KILLED CARDONI AND YOU'RE TRYING TO HIDE BEHIND ME!
YOU'RE WRONG, WALTERS!
WHAT? WRONG? ME?
YES, WALTERS! BECAUSE, YOU SEE... YOU KILLED CARDONI!

I DIDN'T SAY CARDONI WAS SHOT TO DEATH! ONLY ONE OTHER PERSON, BESIDE THE POLICE, KNEW THAT... THE MURDERER!
B-BUT CHILDS LEFT CARDONI'S PLACE WITH A GUN... I TOLD YOU THAT!
YES, BUT WHEN I TOLD CHILDS THAT CARDONI HAD BEEN STABBED HE DIDN'T QUESTION IT! I PURPOSELY SAID A KNIFE CAUSED THE MURDER BECAUSE I WASN'T SURE HE WAS GUILTY! THE MURDERER WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN AS CARELESS WITH FINGERPRINTS AS HE WAS! YOU KILLED HIM, WALTERS, AND TRIED TO PIN IT ON CHILDS!
SUDDENLY, WALTERS WHIPPED A GUN OUT OF A HIDDEN HOLSTER!
YOU'RE RIGHT, COPPER! AND HERE'S THE GUN THAT DID IT...AND IT'S GOING TO DO THE SAME JOB ON YOU! SURE, I KILLED CARDONI! I SAW MY CHANCE TO FINISH CHILDS...SO I KILLED CARDONI AFTER STANLEY-BOY LEFT!
DON'T BE A FOOL, WALTERS!
I'VE BEEN A FOOL...BUT NO MORE! I WANTED CHILDS TO DIE BECAUSE HE KNOWS TOO MUCH ABOUT ME...ABOUT MY RECORD! AND HE'S HANGING ANOTHER RAP OVER MY HEAD! BUT THAT WON'T MATTER ANYMORE!
HA! HA! LISTEN TO THE GAG I'M GOING TO PULL...I'M SHOOTING YOU TWO COPS AND MRS. CHILDS! THEN I'LL BEAT MY BOSS TO DEATH... AND SHOOT MYSELF IN THE ARM! GET IT?
I GET IT! YOU'RE GOING TO CLAIM CHILDS SHOT US...AND YOU KILLED HIM IN SELF-DEFENSE!
YOU'RE A SMART DETECTIVE! YOU HIT IT ON THE HEAD!
SO LONG... CHUMPS!

JUST AT THAT MOMENT, A BLACK-JACK SWISHES THROUGH THE AIR, AND...
CRACK!
NICE WORK, O'BRIEN!
SURE, AN' 'TWAS NOTHING AT ALL, AT ALL! I HAD ME EYE ON THE FELLOW ALL THE TIME!
OH-H, STANLEY!
WELL, THAT WINDS IT UP, MR. CHILDS! THE CASE IS CLOSED!
NO, INSPECTOR! IT ISN'T!
I'VE GOT TO MAKE UP FOR WHAT I DID TO CARDONI! IT'S TOO LATE... BUT I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING! I WANT TO GIVE YOU THE PROFITS FROM HIS INVENTION AS A REWARD!
AW... I'M ONLY A COP, MR. CHILDS! I WOULDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH ALL THAT MONEY! BESIDES... IT'S MY JOB! IF YOU WANT TO DO SOMETHING WORTH WHILE, CARDONI LEFT A POOR BROTHER, AND A NIECE, AND NEPHEW! CATCH ON?
YES! OF COURSE! AND THANK YOU FOR NOT ONLY CLEANING UP A MURDER... BUT ALSO FOR CLEANING UP MY LIFE!
ANYTIME, MR. CHILDS! COME ON, WALTERS... YOUR BEAUTY SLEEP IS OVER!
AND SO THIS CASE WAS SOLVED AND CLOSED! SIX MONTHS LATER, WALTERS PAID FOR THE TREACHEROUS MURDER IN SING-SING'S ELECTRIC CHAIR... AND TODAY, IN A LITTLE TOWN IN UPSTATE NEW YORK, THERE'S A PROSPEROUS DEPARTMENT STORE... THE CARDONI SHOP!
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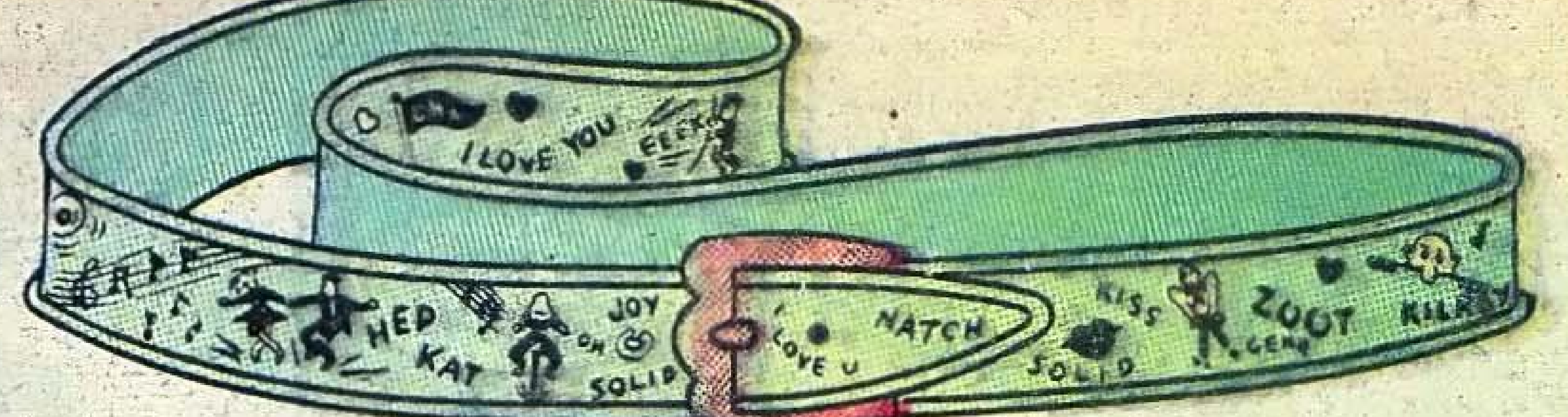

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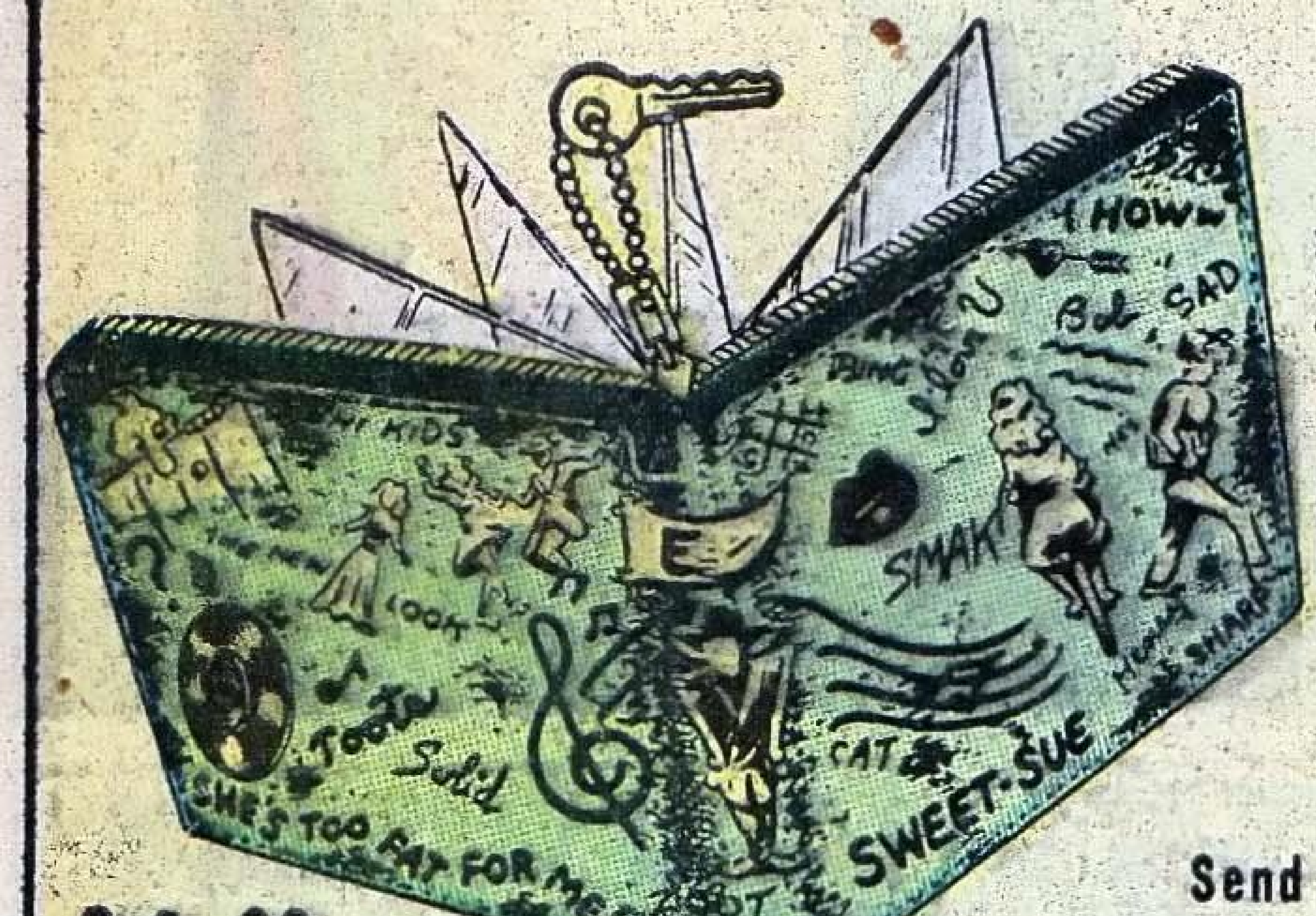

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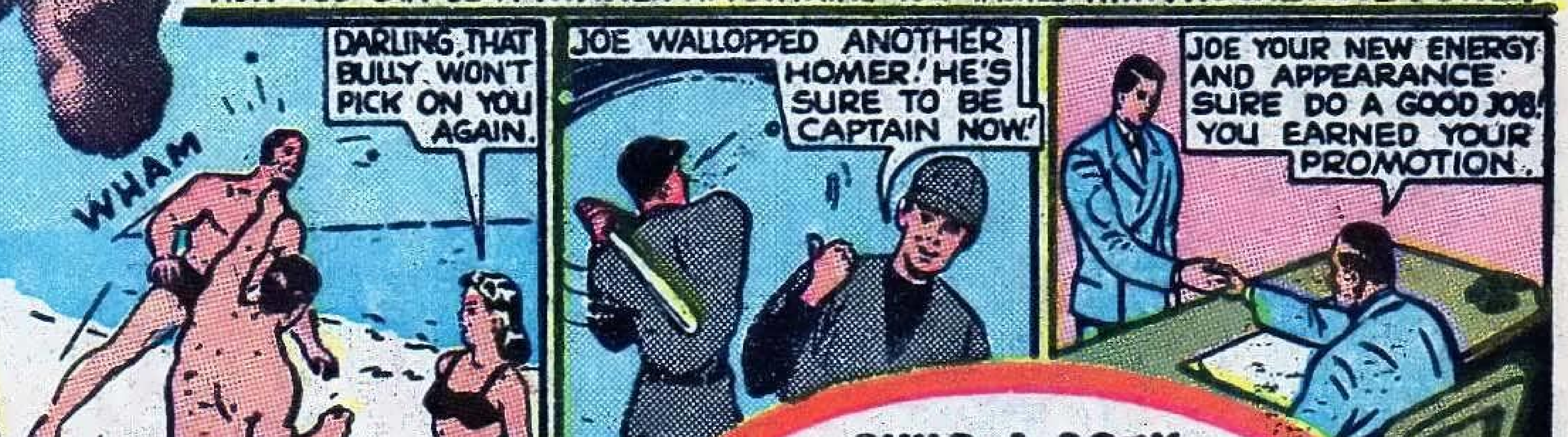
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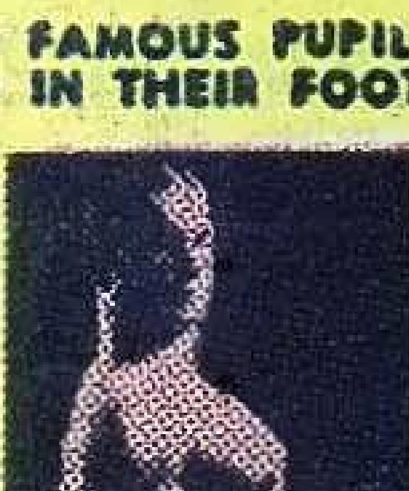

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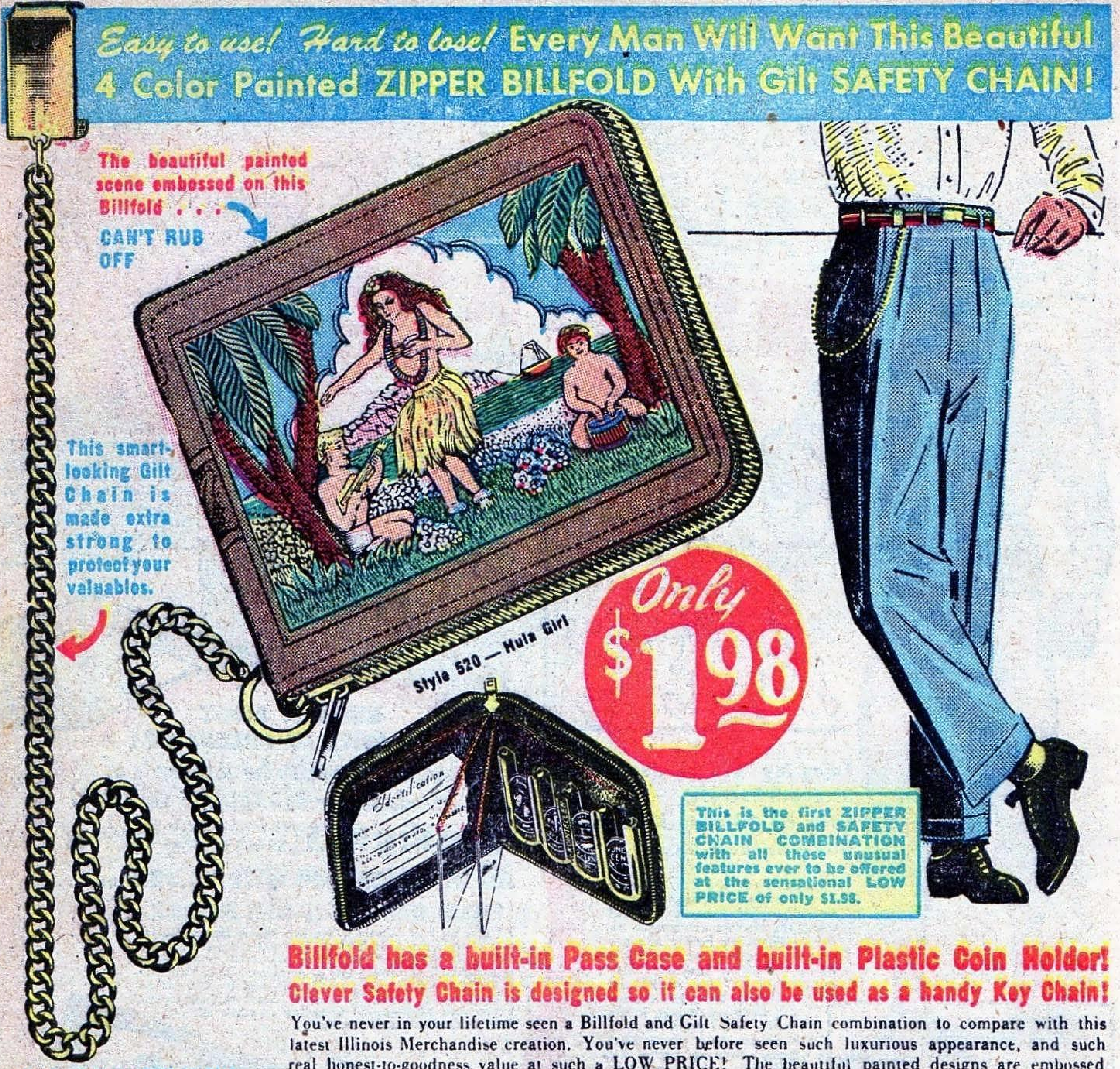

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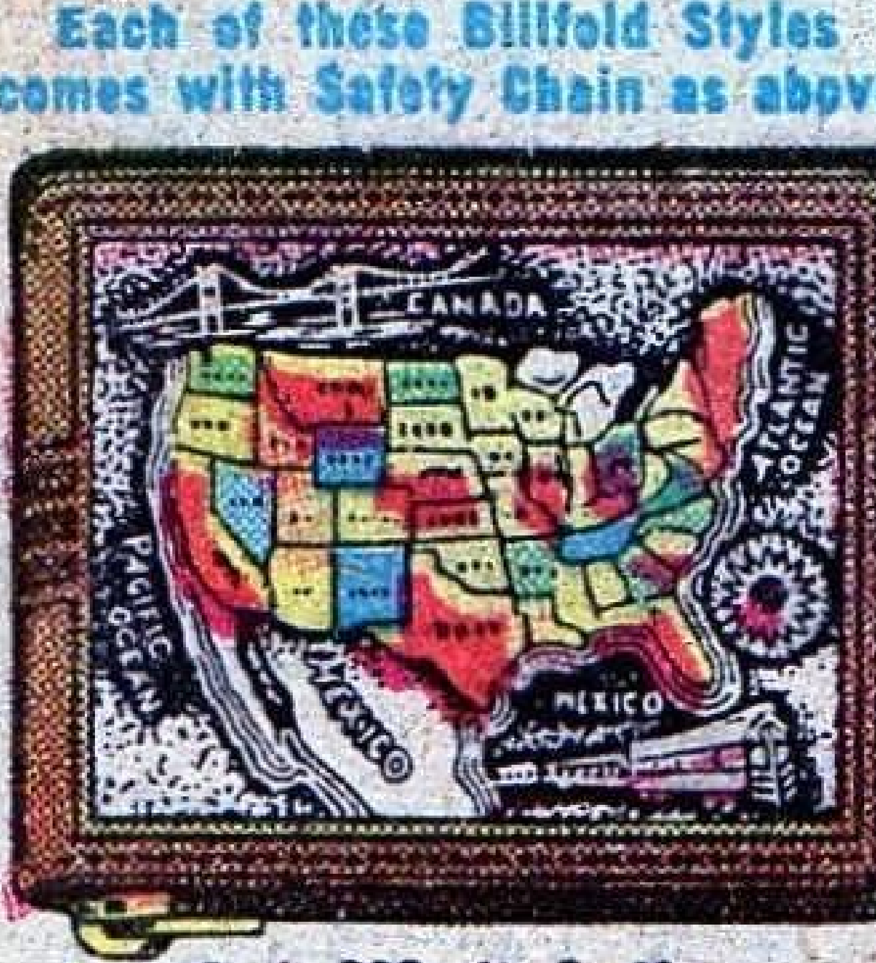

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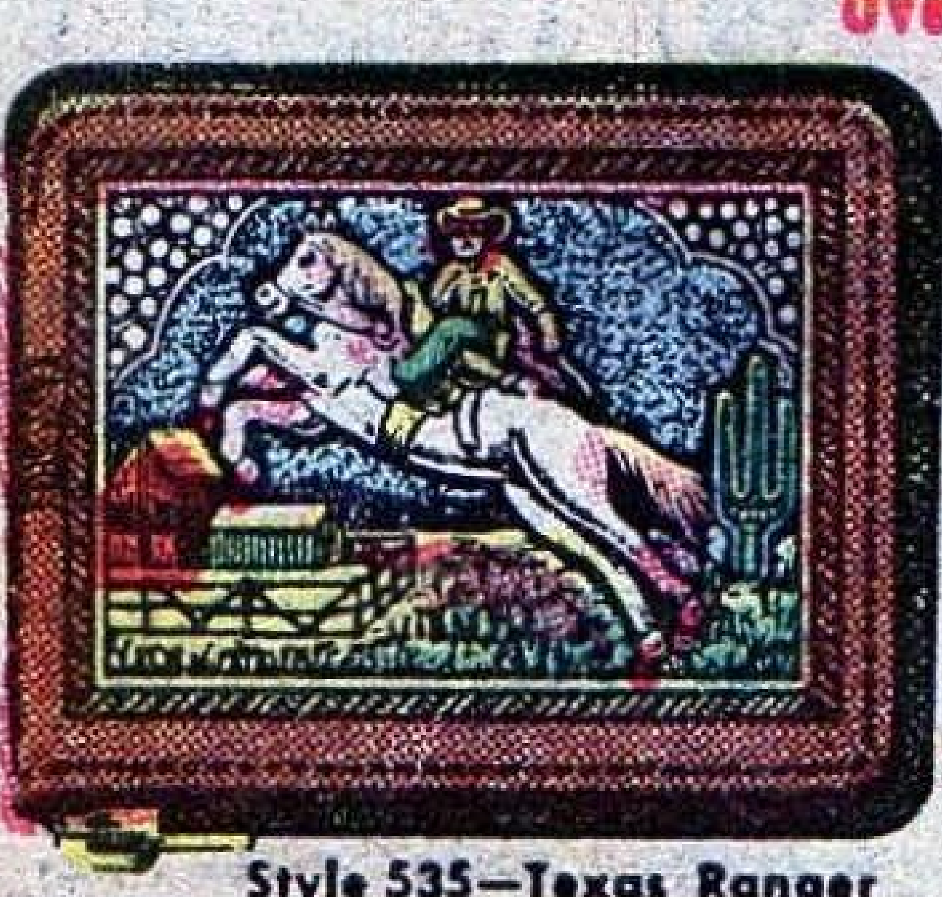

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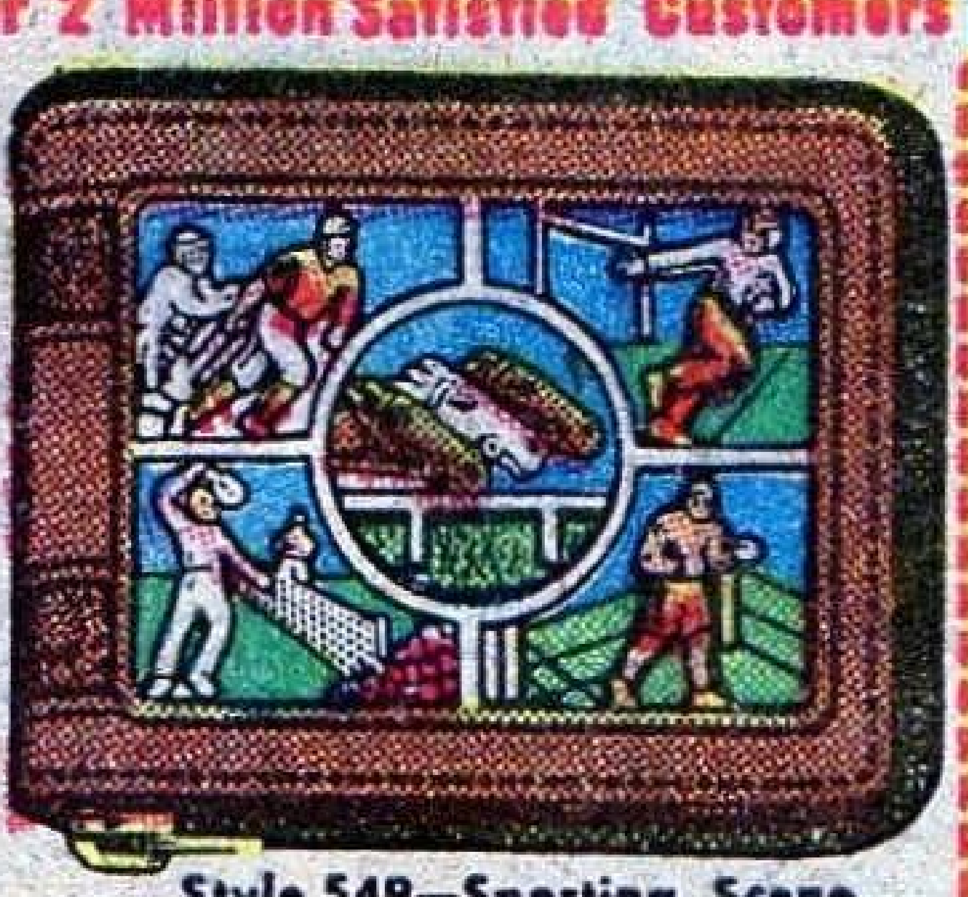

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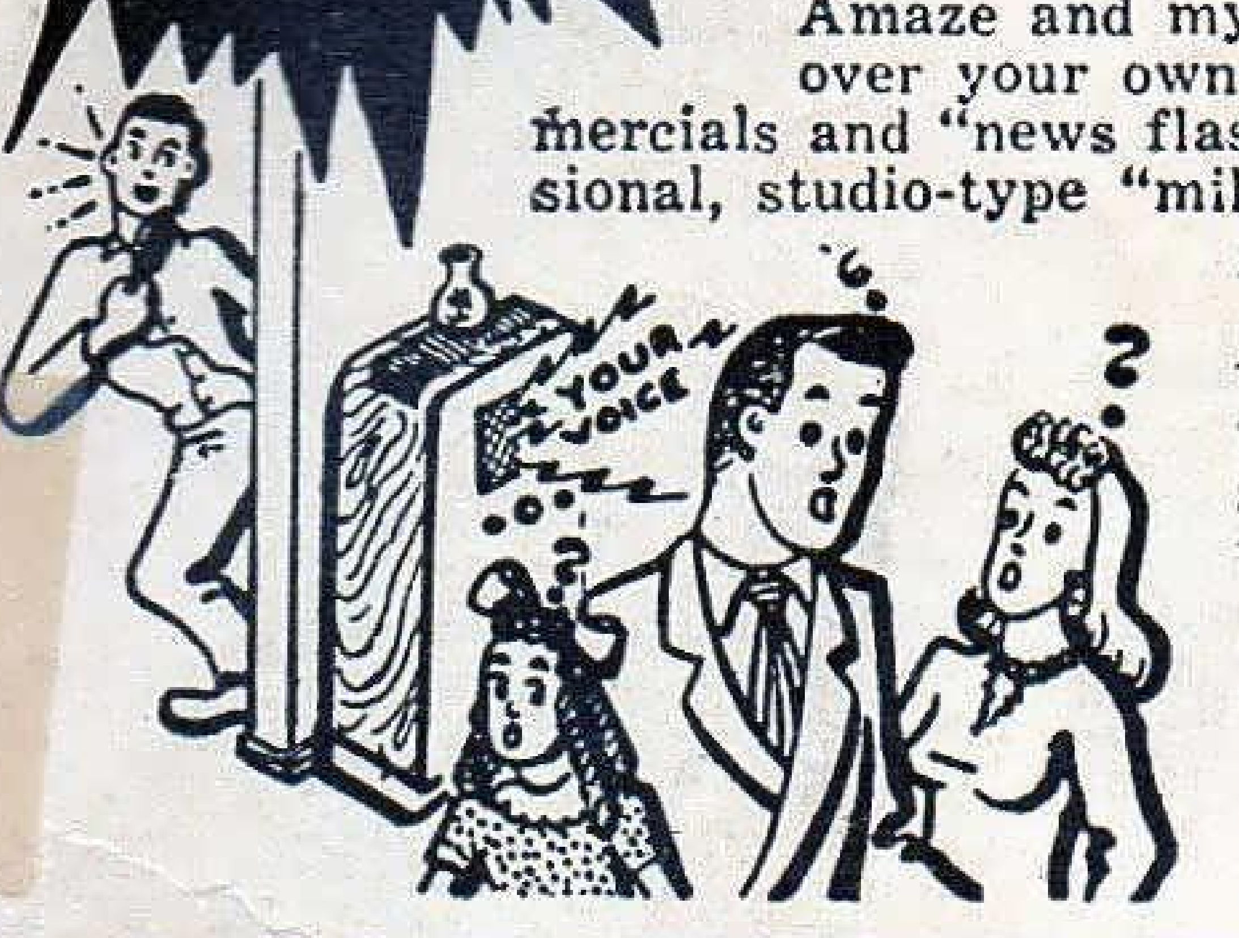

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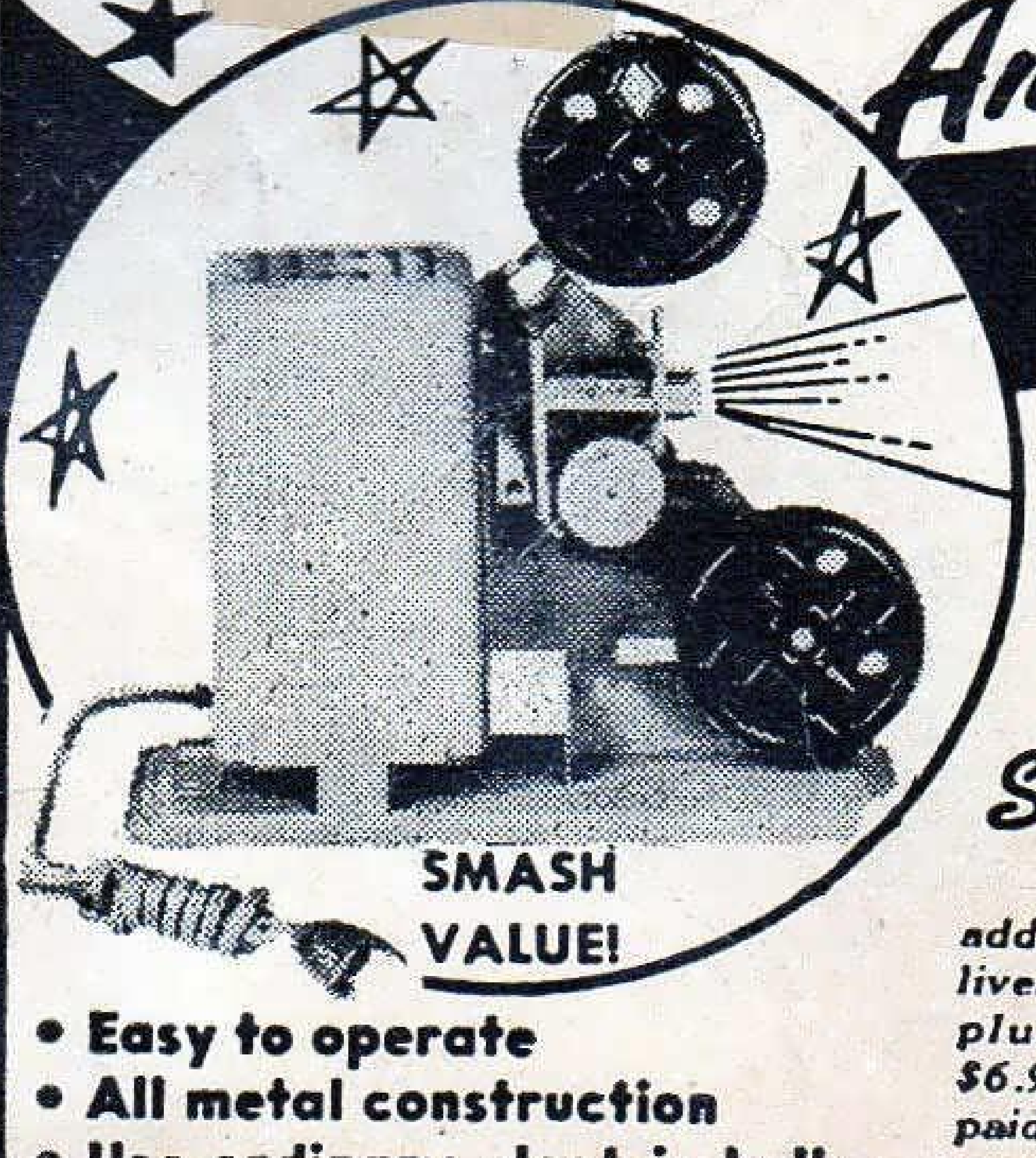
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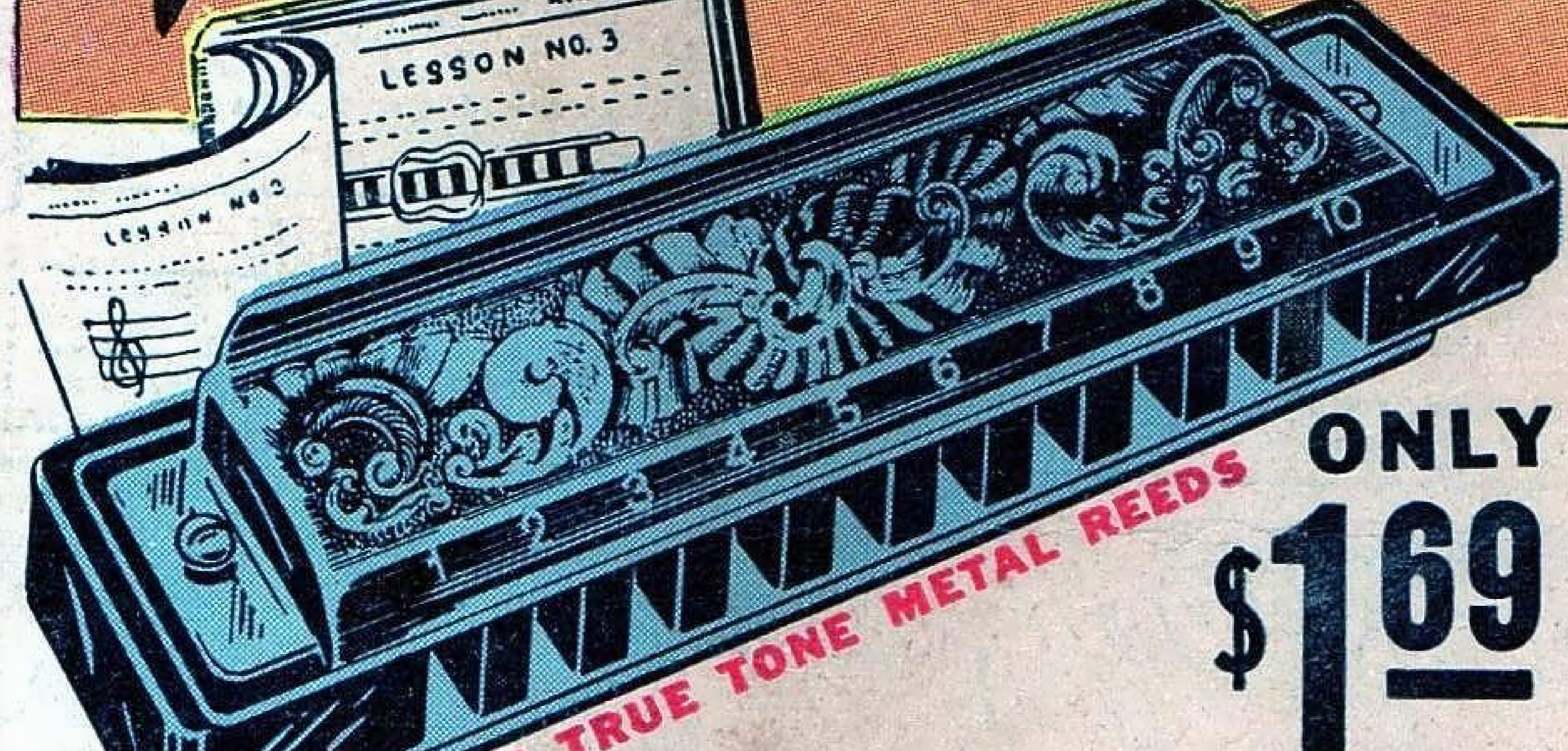
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